The labyrinth of magic

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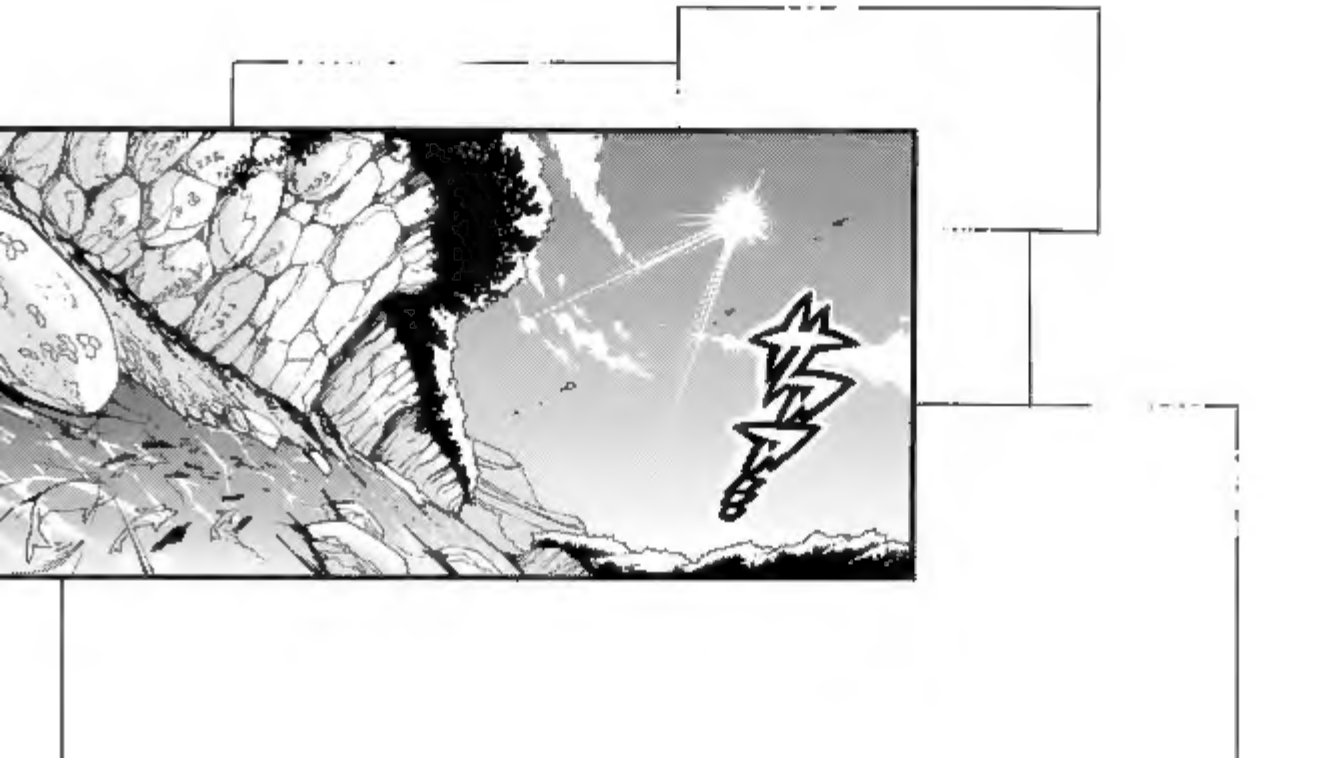
BECOME FRIENDS WITH ME?
WON'T YOU



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SINBAD!!
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING, SINBAD?
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I DID JUST AS YOU SAID, AND I CAUGHT ONE.
AMAZING, SINBAD.

COME ON, TEACH ME MORE ABOUT FISHING.
WE CAN'T DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP IF YOU ACT LIKE THIS.

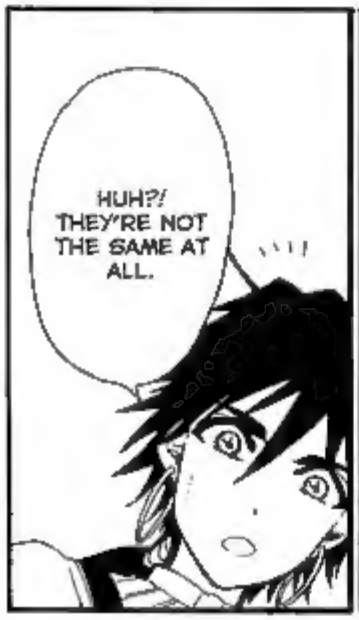
NIGHT 125: GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

YOU'RE GREAT AT THIS. YOU REALLY ARE SKILLED.

WHAT? YOU WEREN'T ANY GOOD AT HORSE RIDING, SO I THOUGHT WE'D TRY FISHING...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN.

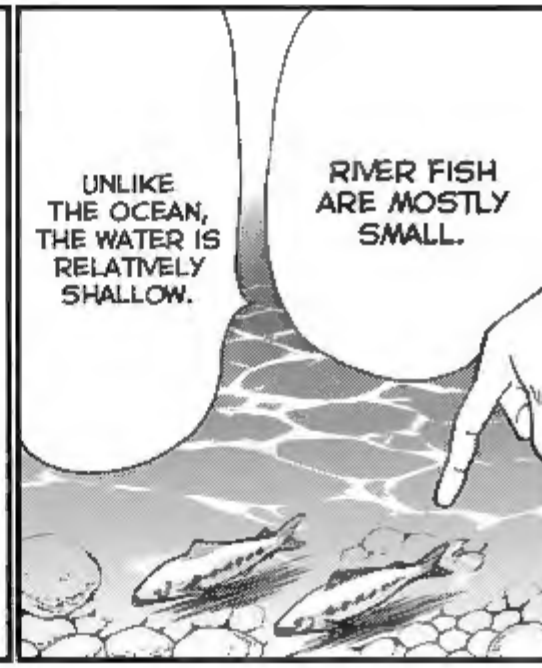
BUT... WHAT?

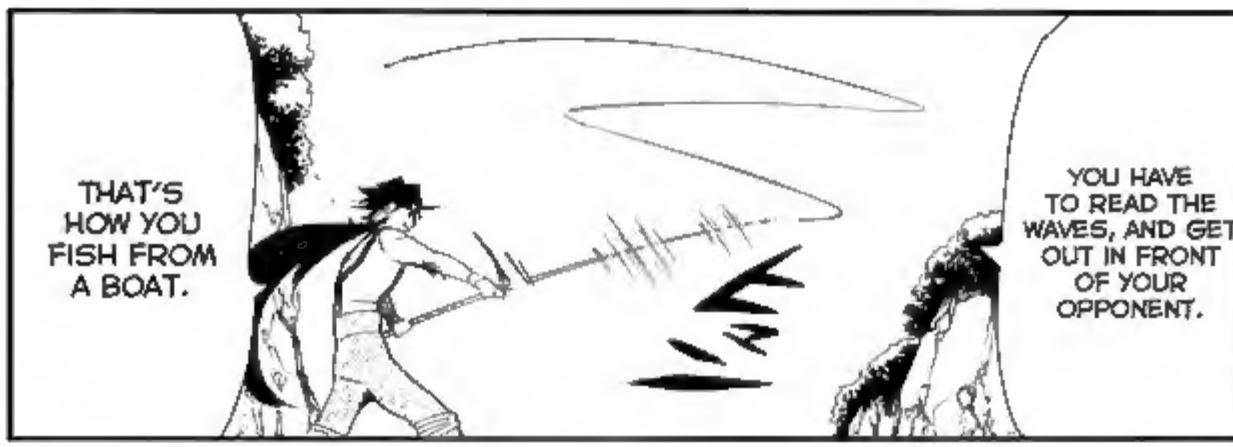
THAT'S BECAUSE I WAS A FISHERMAN... BUT...


HUH?! THEY'RE NOT THE SAME AT ALL.

WHETHER IT'S IN THE OCEAN OR IN A RIVER, FISHING IS JUST FISHING, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS A RIVER, SO... IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME AS THE OCEAN...
IT'S NOT THAT I'M DIS-APPOINTED, BUT...

YOU HAVE TO READ THEIR MOVEMENTS.
THOSE TYPES OF FISH CAN'T BE CAUGHT JUST BY DANGLING A HOOK IN FRONT OF THEM.
OH?

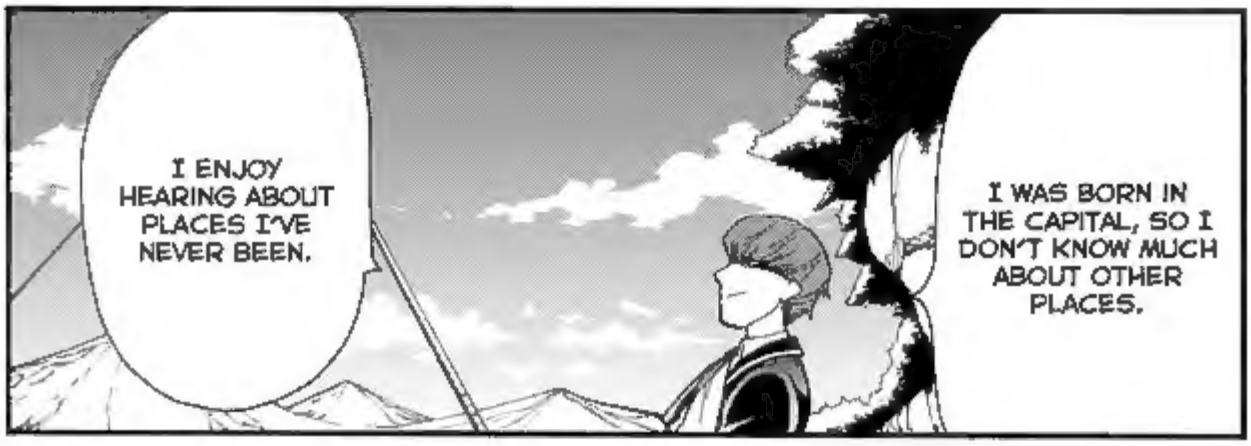

UNLIKE THE OCEAN, THE WATER IS RELATIVELY SHALLOW.
RIVER FISH ARE MOSTLY SMALL.


THAT'S HOW YOU FISH FROM A BOAT.
YOU HAVE TO READ THE WAVES, AND GET OUT IN FRONT OF YOUR OPPONENT.

THIS DOESN'T BEGIN TO COMPARE TO THE FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT YOU GET WHEN YOU BEAT SUCH AN OPPONENT.

BECAUSE AT TIMES YOU CAN CATCH A SCHOOL OF THOUSANDS OF FISH ALL AT ONCE.
THE SEA IS MORE IMPRESSIVE,

I DON'T MIND.
IN FACT, I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE.
WHEN WE GOT A BIG CATCH, WE OFTEN SHARED IT WITH THE OTHER VILLAGERS, AND...
AH.... SORRY. YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT INTERESTED IN THIS AT ALL.


I WAS BORN IN THE CAPITAL, SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT OTHER PLACES.
I ENJOY HEARING ABOUT PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN.

BESIDES, AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, I'M INTERESTED IN YOU.
IT'S NATURAL FOR ME TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MY FRIEND'S HOMETOWN, ISN'T IT?
...MY HOMETOWN WAS A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE CALLED TISON.

About Tison Village,
about his family,

Sinbad told his story.

I SEE. SO THAT'S WHEN YOU SET OUT FOR THE DUNGEON...
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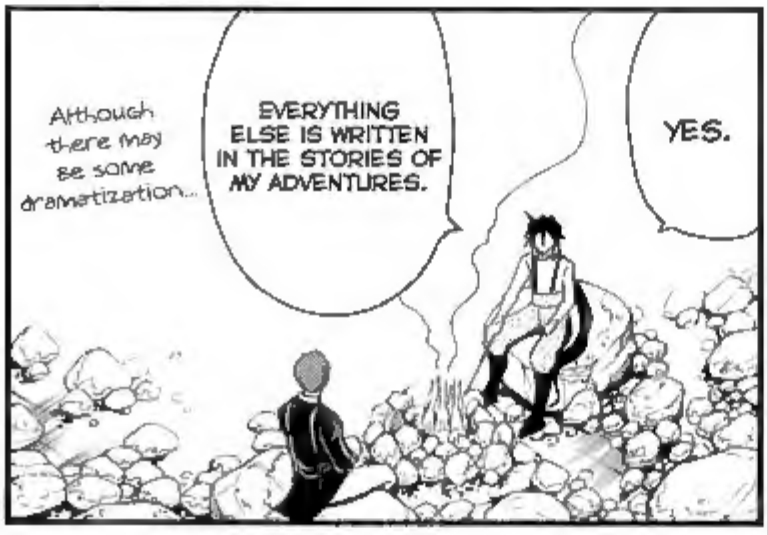
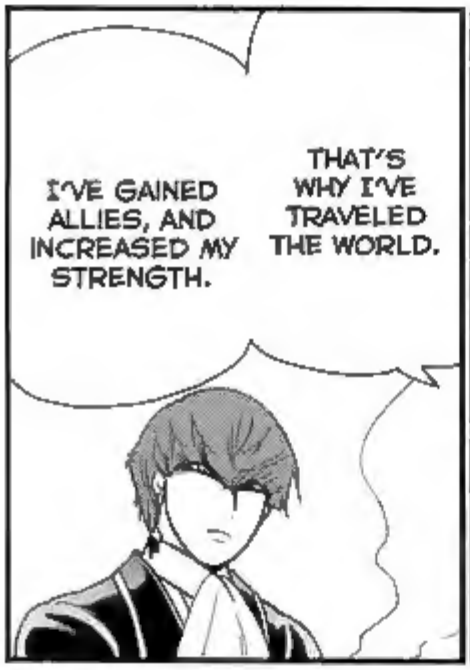
about his father,
and about himself...


Although there may be some dramatization...
EVERYTHING ELSE IS WRITTEN IN THE STORIES OF MY ADVENTURES.
YES.


I'VE GAINED ALLIES, AND INCREASED MY STRENGTH.
THAT'S WHY I'VE TRAVELED THE WORLD.

A GOAL TO COMBAT THE INJUSTICE IN THIS WORLD.
I HAVE A GOAL,

DESPITE THAT, YOU FOUNDED A POLITICAL PARTY, AND ARE WORKING TO CHANGE THIS COUNTRY.
SO, YOU NO LONGER HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY.
YOU SAID YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE NO LONGER A SOLDIER...

OR IS THERE ANOTHER REASON?
BECAUSE IT'S YOUR NATIVE COUNTRY?

WHY?

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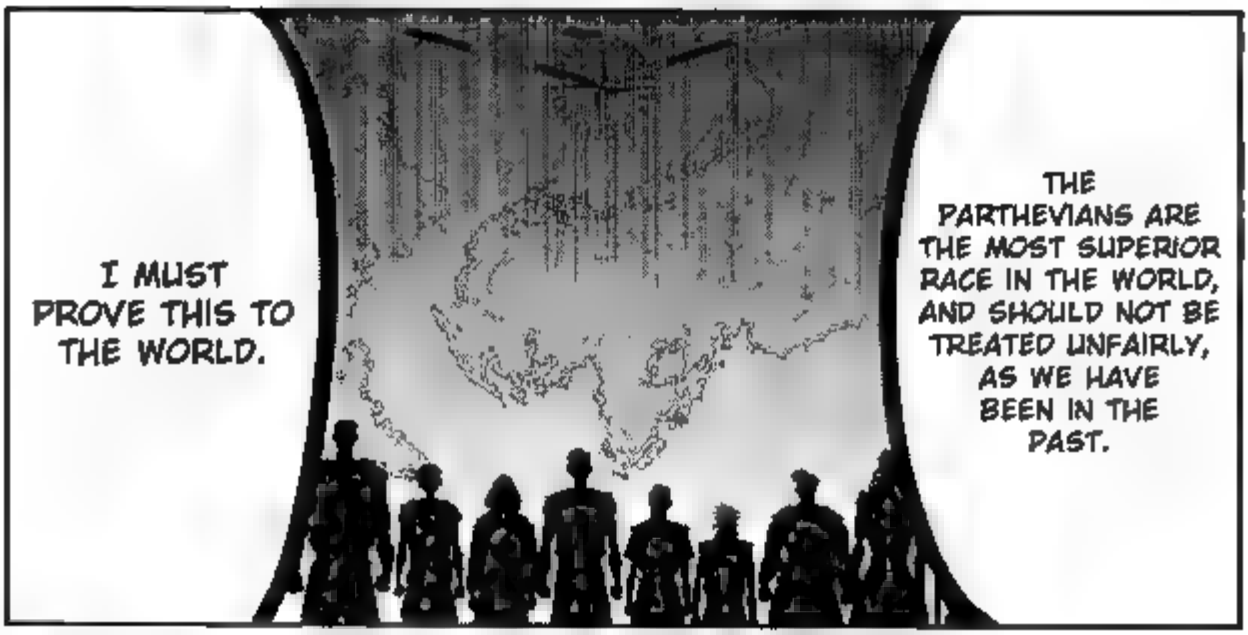
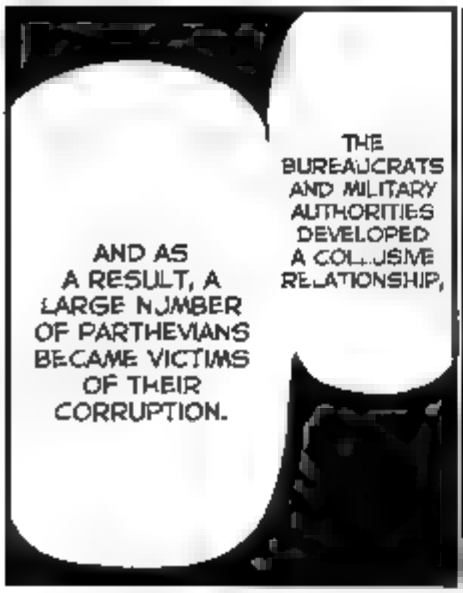
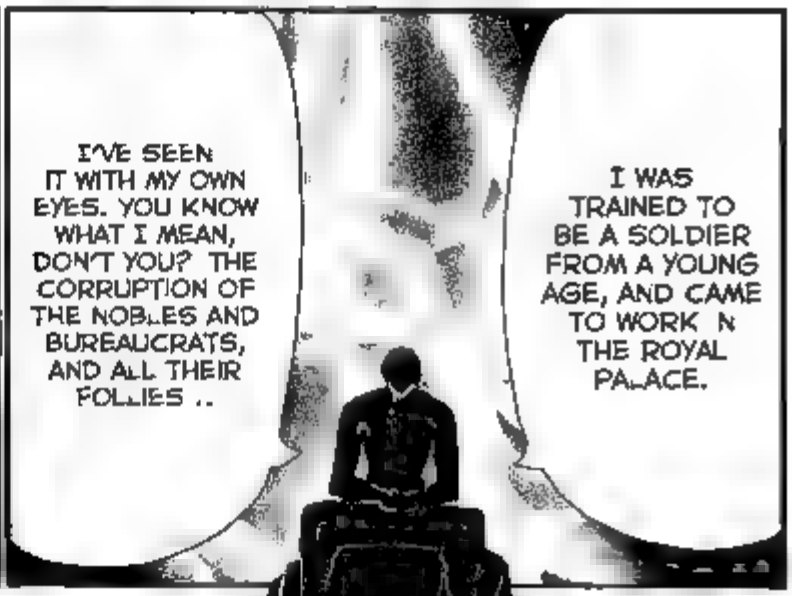
I HAVE ONLY ONE MOTIVE.
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP, PLEASE TELL ME.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR MOTIVES.
KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
TO MAKE PARTHEVIA AND ITS PEOPLE
I TOLD YOU BEFORE.
NO.
...OUT OF PATRIOTISM?


I MUST PROVE THIS TO THE WORLD.
THE PARTHEVIANS ARE THE MOST SUPERIOR RACE IN THE WORLD, AND SHOULD NOT BE TREATED UNFAIRLY, AS WE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.


AND AS A RESULT, A LARGE NUMBER OF PARTHEVIANS BECAME VICTIMS OF THEIR CORRUPTION.
THE BUREAUCRATS AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES DEVELOPED A COLLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP,


I'VE SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, DON'T YOU? THE CORRUPTION OF THE NOBLES AND BUREAUCRATS, AND ALL THEIR FOLLIES ..
I WAS TRAINED TO BE A SOLDIER FROM A YOUNG AGE, AND CAME TO WORK IN THE ROYAL PALACE.

KILLING THOSE OF A PROUD RACE THAT SURPASSES ALL OTHERS...
HOW FOOLISH.

AND WE MUST WORK TOWARDS CHANGING THE WAY THE WORLD PERCEIVES US.
I COULDN'T JUST STAND .DLY BY AND LET THAT HAPPEN. IN ORDER TO RECTIFY THAT INJUSTICE, I CHANGED OUR COUNTRY'S SYSTEM.
AND ARE A PARTHEVIAN, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US.
YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, DON'T YOU? AFTER ALL, YOU'RE FIGHTING AGAINST THE SAME INJUSTICE, DESIRE CHANGE,
I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND WORDS, LORD BARBAROSSA ...
BUT THAT'S NOT HOW I SEE THINGS.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT PARTHEVIANS ARE A SUPERIOR RACE.

I'M MOST CERTAINLY A PARTHEVIAN, BUT...

MY ALLIES FROM EACH COUNTRY ARE EXCELLENT. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANY ONE RACE IS BETTER THAN OTHERS.

CURRENTLY, MY COMPANY IS FULL OF DIVERSITY. IMUCHAKK, SASAN, REIM, BALBADD...

BUT YOU AND I ARE FOLLOWING DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES.

IT'S TRUE THAT I WANTED TO SAVE THE CITIZENS OF PARTHEVIA,

IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M PARTHEVIAN.

THE REASON I'VE COME THIS FAR IS BECAUSE OF MY OWN STRENGTH.

THAT'S THE ANSWER, SINBAD.
I CAN'T DENY THAT. NO, RATHER,
... IT'S TRUE. YOU WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ALL YOUR SUCCESS UP TO NOW BECAUSE YOU'RE YOU.

YOU, A PARTHEVIAN?

WASN'T THE ONE WHO BROUGHT TOGETHER PEOPLE OF ALL DIFFERENT RACES...

A RACE THAT SHOULD STAND ABOVE OTHERS. WE EXIST TO LEAD THE WORLD.

WE ARE SPECIAL.

THAT ITSELF IS PROOF.

THAT IS THE ROLE GIVEN TO US AS PARTHEVIANS.

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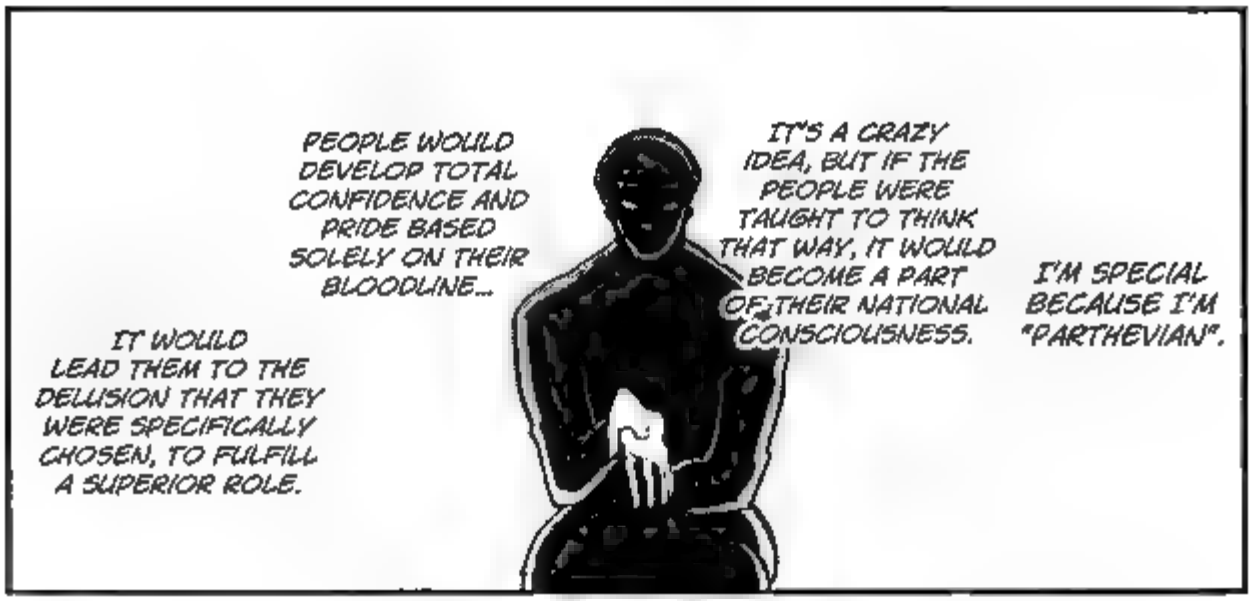
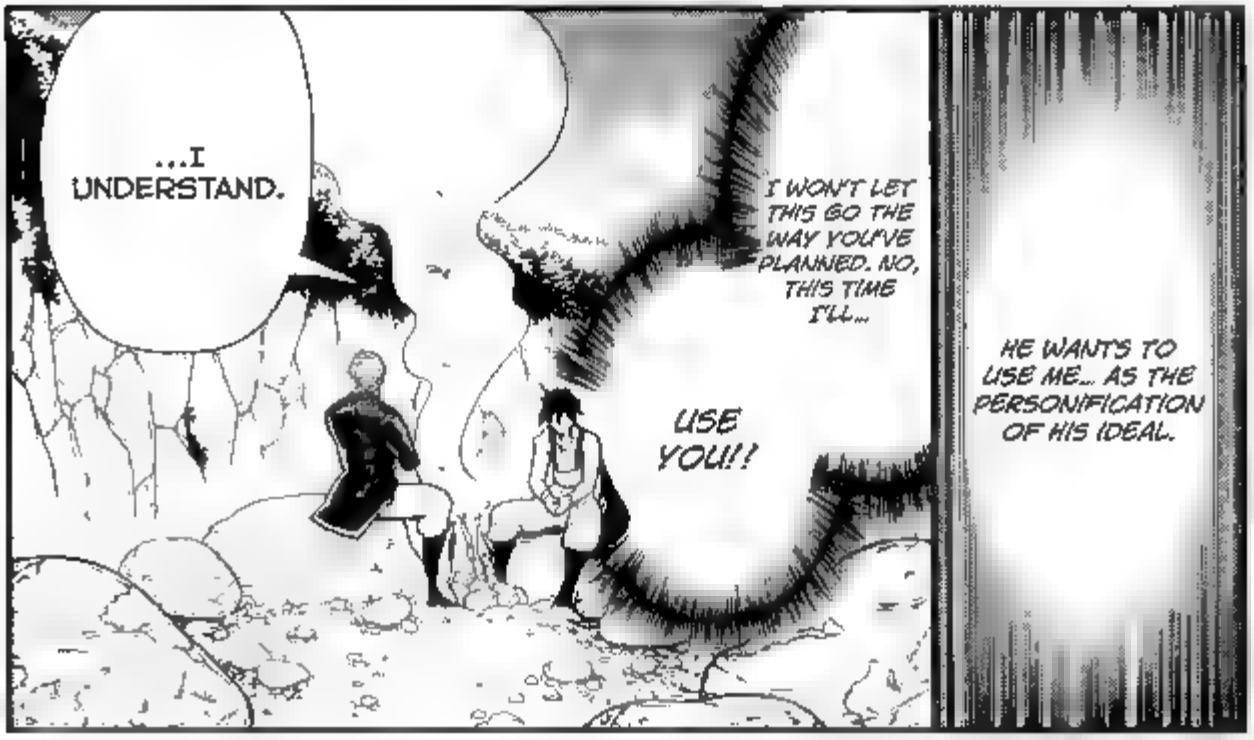
NIGHT 126: BARGAINING

SUPERIOR PEOPLE BECOME LEADERS AND RULE THE WORLD... THAT'S THE GOAL I'M TRYING TO ACHIEVE.
YOU ESPECIALLY. YOU BROUGHT TOGETHER SUCH AN UNRULY GROUP OF PEOPLE IN ONE COMPANY AND HAVE LED THEM TO SUCCESS. YOU'RE THE EMBODIMENT OF THE IDEAL EVERY PARTHEVIAN SHOULD STRIVE FOR.
OF COURSE.
THE WORLD HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOUR SUPERIORITY.
YOU'RE ALREADY THE PERSONIFICATION OF THAT IDEAL.
A LEADER.
YOU'RE THE SYMBOL OF OUR COUNTRY...

WON'T YOU HELP ME CHANGE THE WORLD?
I HOLD YOU IN HIGH ESTEEM.
THIS MAN... IS AMAZING...
THIS MUST BE HOW HE'S MOVED THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE...


PEOPLE WOULD DEVELOP TOTAL CONFIDENCE AND PRIDE BASED SOLELY ON THEIR BLOODLINE...
IT'S A CRAZY IDEA, BUT IF THE PEOPLE WERE TAUGHT TO THINK THAT WAY, IT WOULD BECOME A PART OF THEIR NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS.
I'M SPECIAL BECAUSE I'M "PARTHEVIAN".
IT WOULD LEAD THEM TO THE DELUSION THAT THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN, TO FULFILL A SUPERIOR ROLE.

HE'S SKILLED. I CAN'T DENY THAT...
BUT...
BARBAROSSA... HE USES HIS CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS TO WIN OVER HIS OPPONENT BY APPEALING TO THEIR VANITY.


...I UNDERSTAND.
I WON'T LET THIS GO THE WAY YOU'VE PLANNED. NO, THIS TIME I'LL...
USE YOU!!
HE WANTS TO USE ME... AS THE PERSONIFICATION OF HIS IDEAL.

BUT,
AND IT'S POSSIBLE THAT I HAVE UNCONSCIOUSLY EXHIBITED TALENTS I HAVE BECAUSE I'M A PARTHEVIAN.
A HIGHLY SKILLED RACE OF PEOPLE...
JUST AS YOU SAID, I'M A PARTHEVIAN.
I'M STILL NOWHERE CLOSE TO BEING ABLE TO FOUND ONE...
EVEN THOUGH I OPENLY DECLARED IN MY ADVENTURE STORIES THAT I WOULD BUILD MY OWN COUNTRY,
I'M MERELY A MERCHANT. AS PROOF OF THAT,
I CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THE PERSONIFICATION OF YOUR IDEAL.
AS I AM NOW, I DON'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO THE PERSONIFICATION OF YOUR IDEAL...
I EVEN TRAVELED TO THE DARK CONTINENT IN THE FAR SOUTH, BUT ALL FOR NOTHING.
ALL BECAUSE I HAVE NO LAND.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
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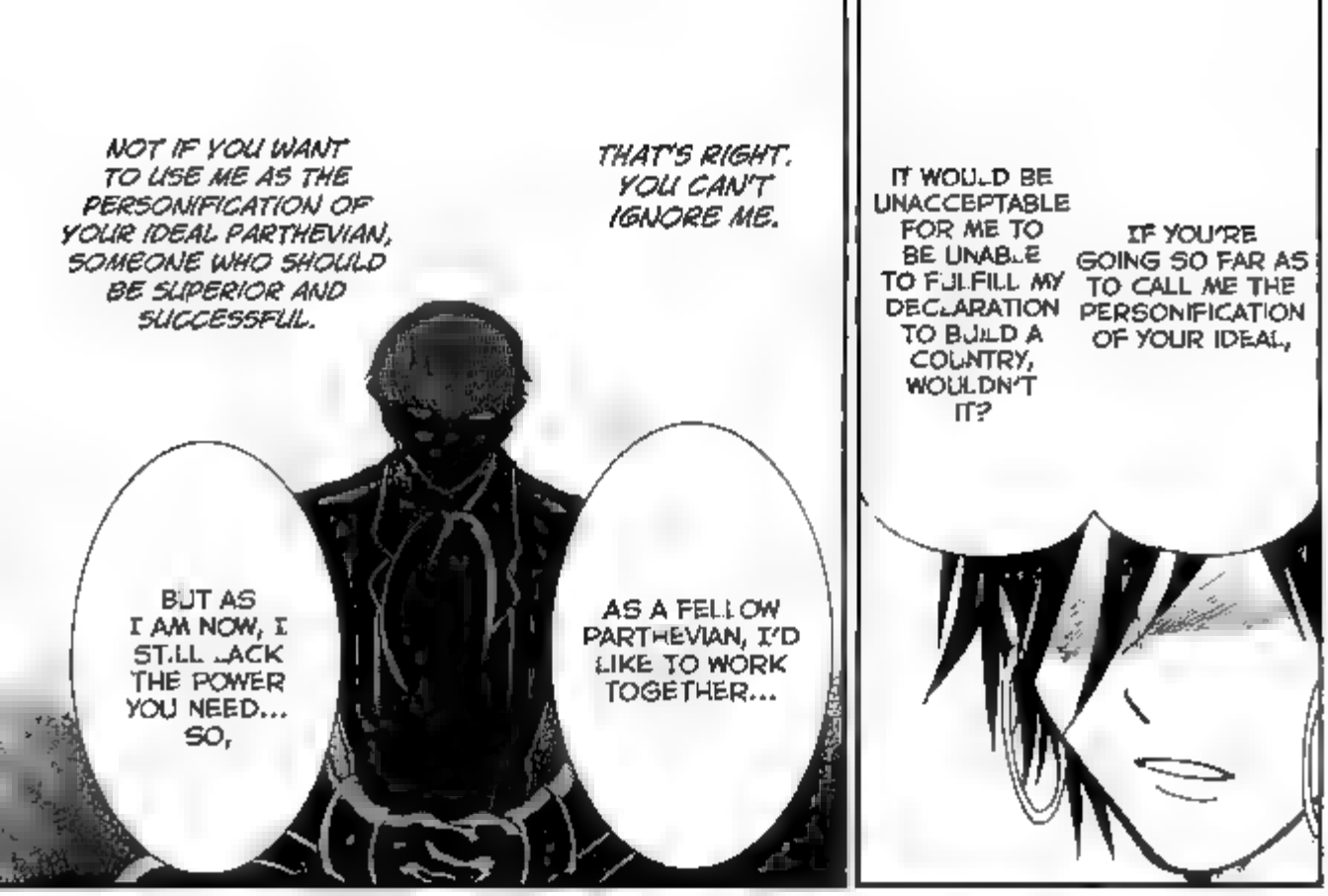
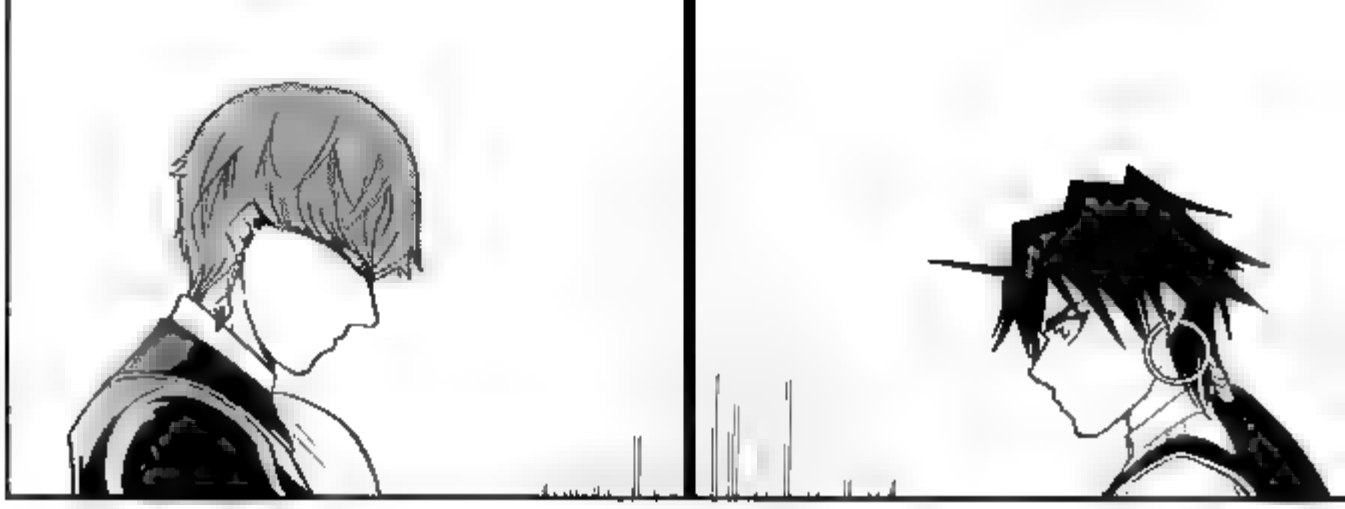
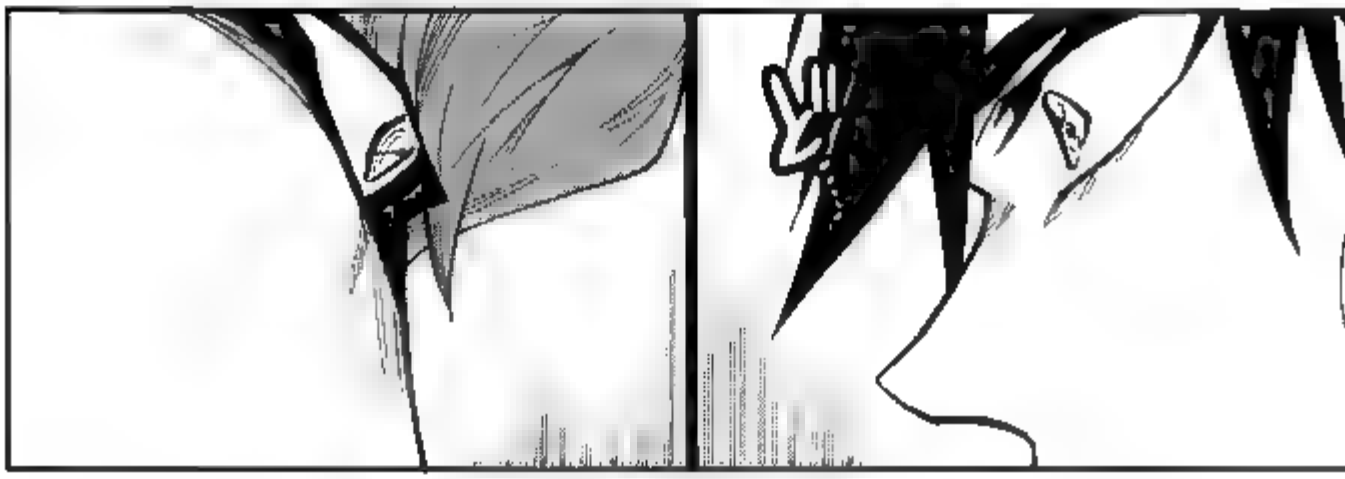
PLEASE,
LET ME BUILD MY OWN COUNTRY.
AS A SUPERIOR PARTHEVIAN, IT WOULD BE STRANGE IF I FAILED... NO,
I MUST SUCCEED.

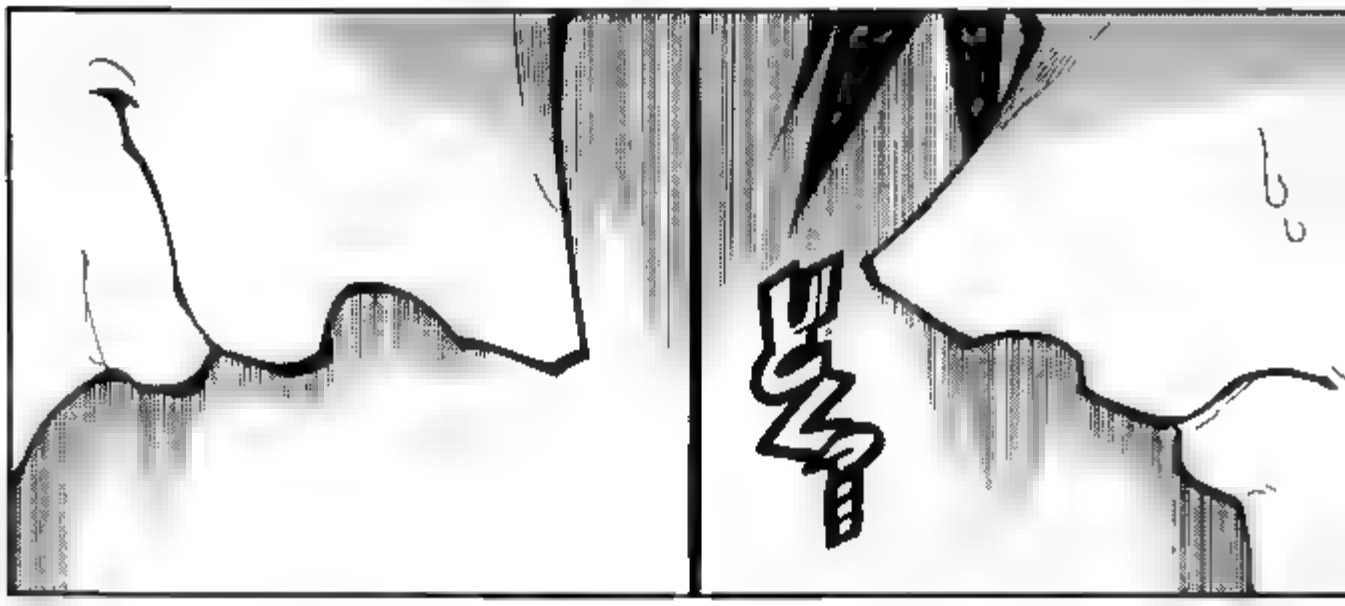


PLEASE,

GIVE ME THE LAND I NEED TO BUILD A COUNTRY.



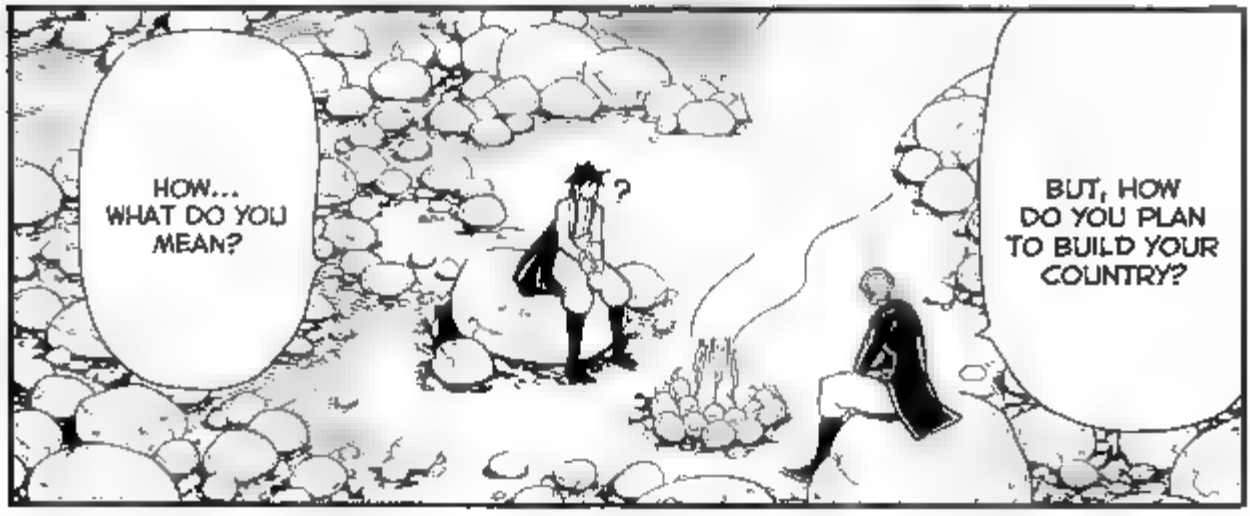




...ALL RIGHT.

I CERTAINLY SEEM TO HAVE EARNED YOUR APPROVAL.
IF YOU'RE WILLING TO MAKE THAT REQUEST OF ME,

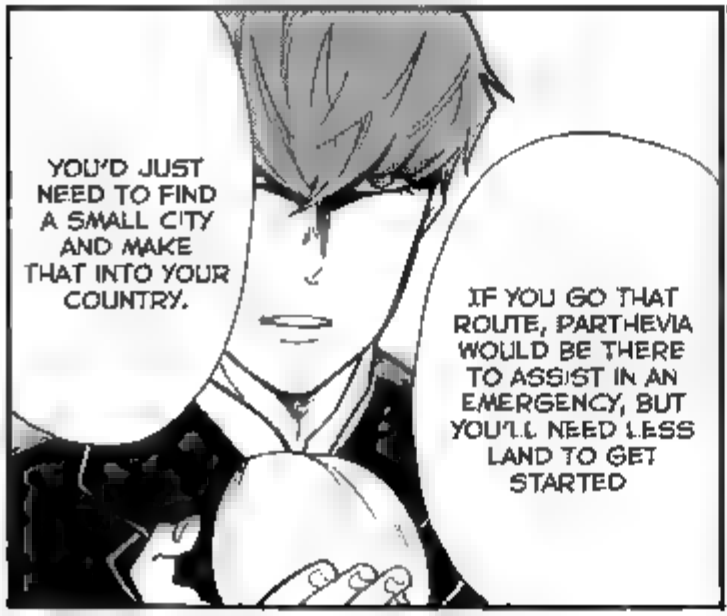
THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I'M HONORED THAT YOU WOULD ACCEPT...
YAY...!
I ACCEPT.

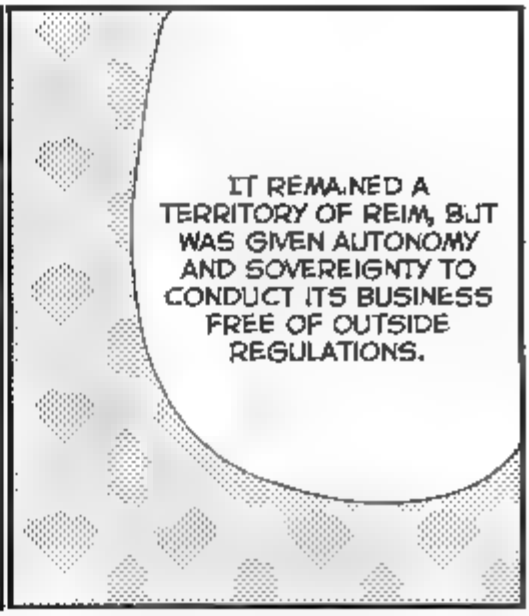

HOW... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?
BUT, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO BUILD YOUR COUNTRY?

I THINK YOU SHOULD AIM TO SET UP AN INDEPENDENT STATE KNOWN AS A "COMMERCIAL ZONE".
IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY,

THERE ARE MANY FORMS A COUNTRY CAN TAKE.
FOR EXAMPLE, ARE YOU SETTING UP YOUR COUNTRY AS A TERRITORY OF PARTHEVIA,
OR ARE YOU PLANNING TO CREATE A COUNTRY COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT FROM PARTHEVIA?

A COMMERCIAL ZONE?
YES.
FOR EXAMPLE, THINK OF RIA VENUS ISLAND, THE LOCATION OF THE MARIADEL COMPANY YOU SEIZED CONTROL OF.


IF YOU GO THAT ROUTE, PARTHEVIA WOULD BE THERE TO ASSIST IN AN EMERGENCY, BUT YOU'LL NEED LESS LAND TO GET STARTED
YOU'D JUST NEED TO FIND A SMALL CITY AND MAKE THAT INTO YOUR COUNTRY.


IT REMAINED A TERRITORY OF REIM, BUT WAS GIVEN AUTONOMY AND SOVEREIGNTY TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS FREE OF OUTSIDE REGULATIONS.

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP DOMESTIC AFFAIRS STABLE, AND YOU CAN PUT MORE EFFORT TOWARDS A NATIONAL TRADING COMPANY.
BECAUSE YOUR TERRITORY IS SMALL, IT'S MUCH EASIER TO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING ABOUT IT.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER ADVANTAGES, TOO.
IT DOES SOUND... LIKE THAT WOULD BE THE EASIEST WAY.
AMAZING... I'M BEGINNING TO SEE AN IMAGE OF MY OWN COUNTRY.
I SEE...
AS MERCHANTS, DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A SUITABLE PLAN FOR YOU AND YOUR ALLIES?
HOWEVER, SINBAD...

RIGHT NOW, I'M MERELY AN ORDINARY CITIZEN...
I DON'T HAVE THE POLITICAL AUTHORITY NECESSARY.
IN MY CURRENT POSITION, I DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY NEEDED TO TELL YOU "YES."

LET'S MAKE A PROMISE
FOR THE FUTURE.

AS THE POLITICAL PARTY IN POWER...
BUT, IF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY WINS THE NEXT ELECTION,

I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE CAN'T HELP BUT LIKE YOU.
YOU'RE INEXPERIENCED AND RECKLESS. BUT YOU'RE COURAGEOUS WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING.
HUH?
YOU REALLY ARE INTERESTING.
WITH SO MANY FISH ALL TO YOURSELF?
THAT ASIDE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO...
I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOU.
WE STILL HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS,
AND
YOU HAVE TIME, DON'T YOU?
WHY DON'T YOU ACCOMPANY ME BACK TO MY VILLA?

I ALSO HAVE A METAL VESSEL. TWO OF THEM, ACTUALLY.

...IF YOU WANT TO HEAR MY ADVENTURE STORIES, LEAVE IT TO ME. I CAN TELL YOU ALL ABOUT DUNGEONS AND METAL VESSELS.

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THAT MAKES THE TWO OF US THE ONLY MULTIPLE DUNGEON CONQUERORS IN THE WORLD.

It's unusual

I NEEDED THEM, SO I WENT OUT AND GOT THEM.

HUH?!

Just like you.

YOU'RE A PRETTY INTERESTING GUY YOURSELF...

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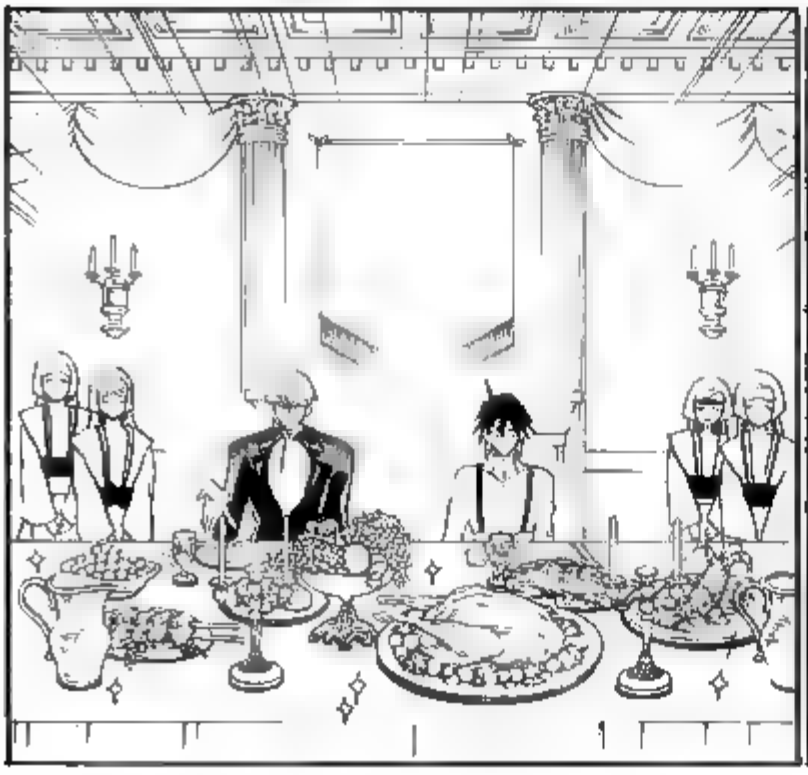
NIGHT 127: SPECIAL PEOPLE



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THE "SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE".

...SO, THE IDEA I CAME UP WITH IS

. IT MAY BE THE BEST WAY, BUT

IT'S A DREAM.

IT'S NOT REALISTIC.

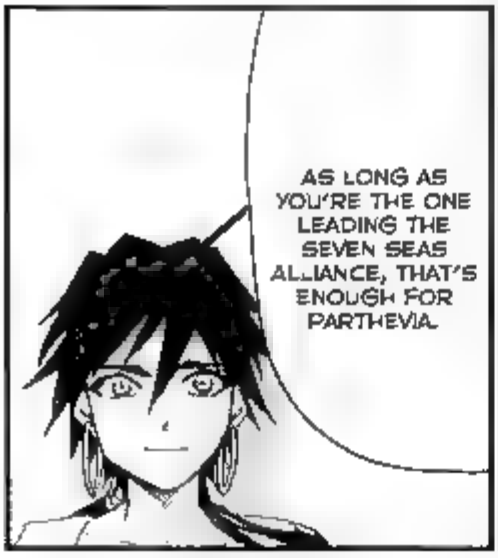
THIS IS THE BEST WAY FOR US TO MAINTAIN BALANCE IN THE WORLD.

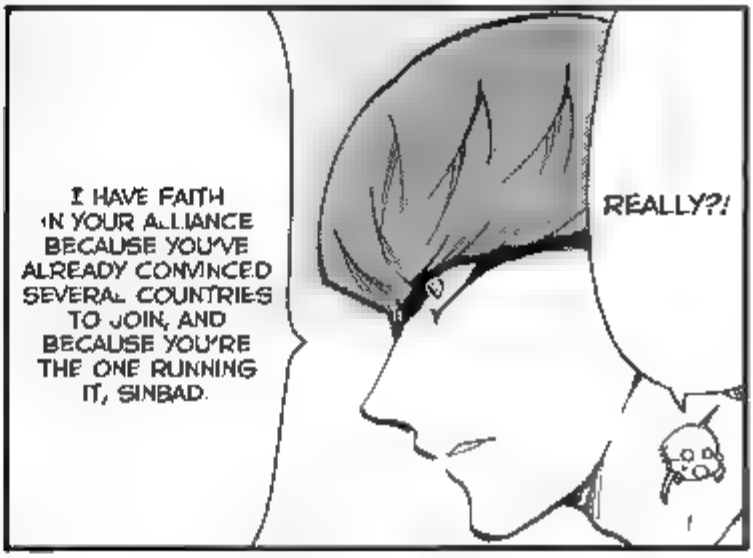
AS A METAL VESSEL USER YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?

AND, BY MAKING NON-AGGRESSION ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES, WE'LL HELP TO PUT AN END TO CONFLICT

COUNTRIES JOIN EACH OTHER AS ALLIES,

PARTHEVIA WILL JOIN YOUR SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE.
AFTER ALL, I THINK IT'S UP TO WORLD LEADERS TO USE THEIR POWER AND DETERMINATION TO HELP UNIFY THE PEOPLES.
STILL, I APPROVE OF YOUR IDEA.


AS LONG AS YOU'RE THE ONE LEADING THE SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR PARTHEVIA.


I HAVE FAITH IN YOUR ALLIANCE BECAUSE YOU'VE ALREADY CONVINCED SEVERAL COUNTRIES TO JOIN, AND BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE RUNNING IT, SINBAD.
REALLY?!

BUT, I HAVE NO DOUBT IN YOUR VICTORY.
I UNDER-STAND.

JUST LIKE HELPING YOU FOUND YOUR COUNTRY.
...ALTHOUGH, THIS IS ANOTHER PROMISE I'LL BE UNABLE TO KEEP IF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY DOESN'T SEIZE POLITICAL POWER.

FOR MY COUNTRY'S SAKE, AS WELL...

YOU MUST BECOME THE LEADER OF THIS COUNTRY...

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE THE EMBODIMENT OF EXCELLENCE.

I DON'T MIND.

I HEAR THAT A LOT.

YOU'RE GREEDY, AREN'T YOU?

I REALLY DO THINK WE CAN BECOME GOOD FRIENDS.

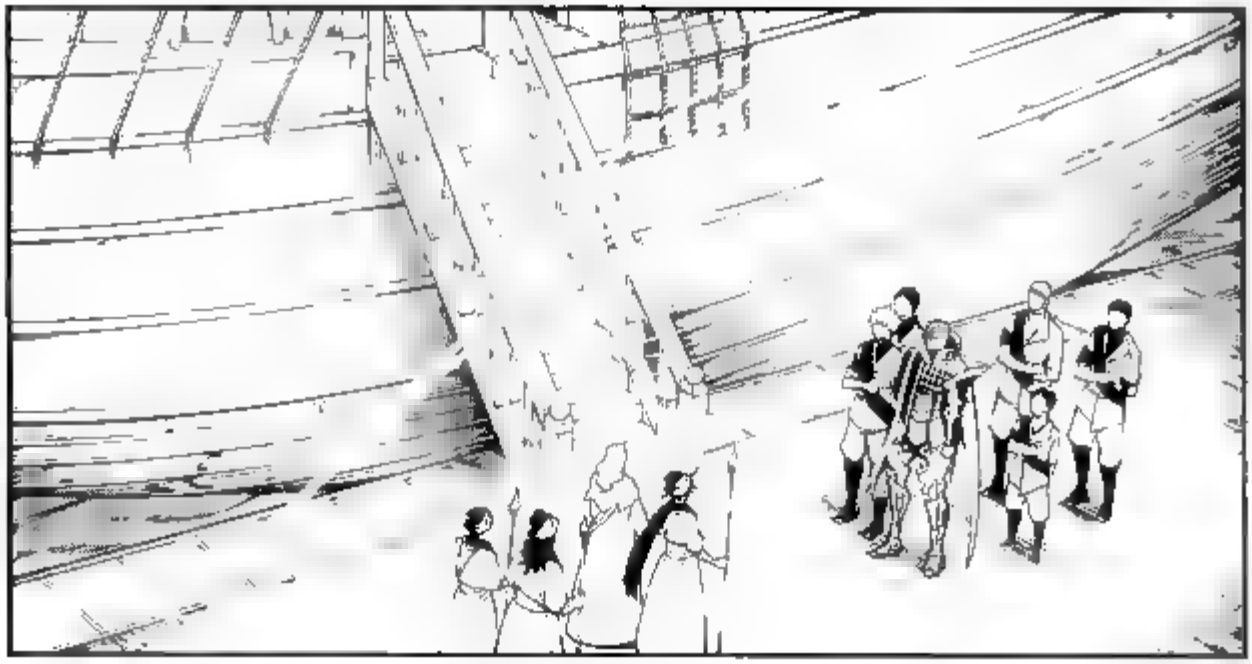
AFTER THAT, SINBAD AND BARBAROSSA CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

AND SINBAD ADMIRED HIS FRANKNESS AND ABSORBED MUCH NEW KNOWLEDGE.

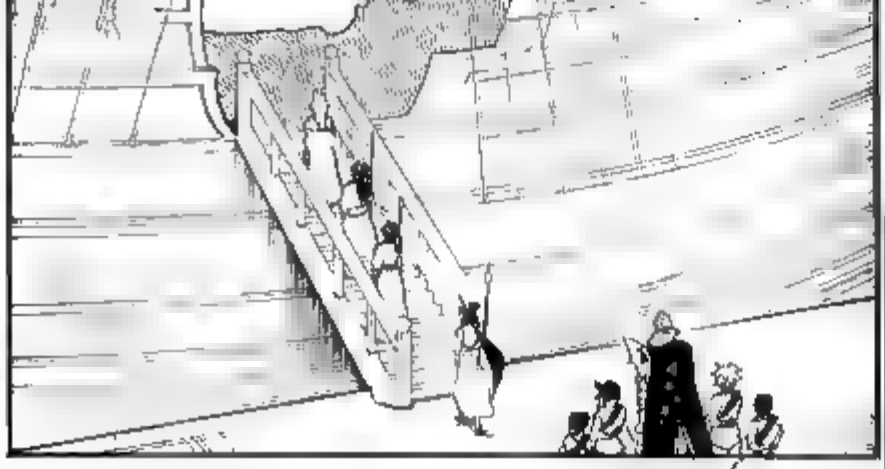
BARBAROSSA BROUGHT A FRESH PERSPECTIVE TO THE TABLE DURING THEIR DISCUSSIONS,

THEY BOTH HOPED TO USE POLITICS TO CHANGE NOT ONLY THE COUNTRY, BUT THE WORLD.

AND SOON, SEVERAL DAYS HAD PASSED...
TO SOME EXTENT, THEIR INTERACTIONS AS EQUALS MAY HAVE BECOME A PRECIOUS EXPERIENCE FOR SINBAD.

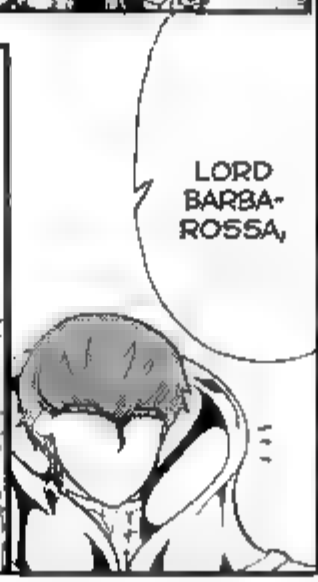


IN THE NEXT ELECTION, LORD BARBAROSSA.
THANK YOU. AND I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK
I HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE.
SINBAD,



KING RASHID, PLEASE COME VISIT US AGAIN.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY

CAN I ASK YOU ONE LAST QUESTION?
ASK ME AS MANY QUESTIONS AS YOU LIKE.


LORD BARBA-ROSSA,

...
BEFORE I CAME HERE...
I HEARD A CERTAIN RUMOR ABOUT PARTHEVIA.

THAT THIS COUNTRY...
WAS CONDUCTING HORRIBLE TESTS ON HUMAN BEINGS UNDER THE GUISE OF A "PURGE"...

IS THAT TRUE... ?

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND WE WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO EXEMPLARY PARTHEVIAN CITIZENS.
!!
ONLY TO CRIMINALS.
IT'S TRUE.
?

WE CALL THEM "INFERIORS."
THAT'S RIGHT THE FEW FOOLISH HUMAN BEINGS WHO LED OUR COUNTRY TO DECAY...

CRIMINALS?

THEY DECEIVE OTHERS, ARE THE ROOT OF DEPRAVITY, AND LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF A COUNTRY.
INFERIORS CAUSE HARM, MERELY BY EXISTING.

IT'S NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE WORLD TO ITS RIGHTFUL STATE!!
WE MUST ELIMINATE THEM.

IT'S UP TO US SUPERIOR HUMANS TO PUT THINGS RIGHT IN THE WORLD.

SINBAD?

YOU THINK SO, TOO, DON'T YOU...

YOU MUST UNDER-STAND.

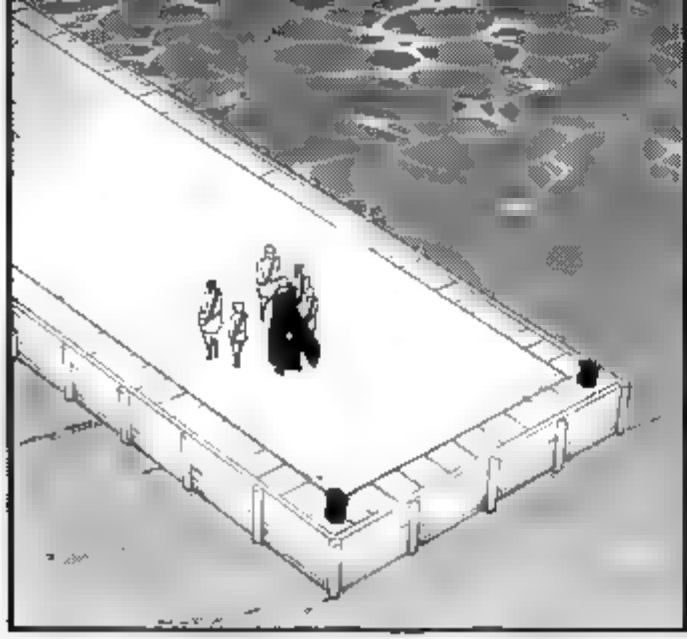
AND SINCE YOU ARE A SPECIAL PERSON...

NOW THAT YOU'RE MY "FRIEND,"

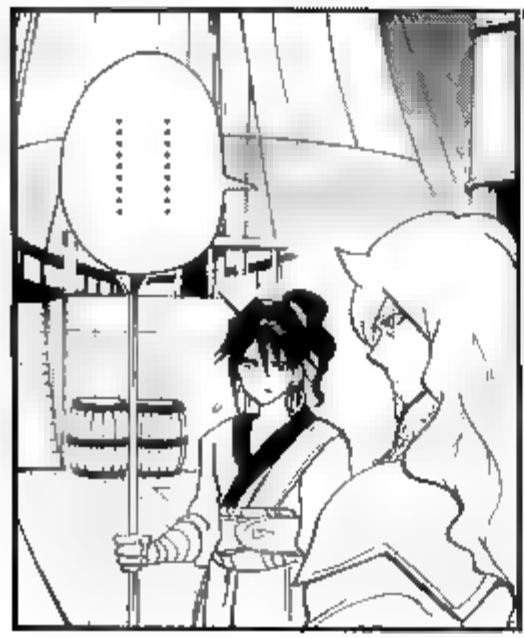
WE'LL MEET AGAIN,

SINBAD.

... YE... YES.



MENTOR.
HOW WAS PARTHEVIA, SINBAD?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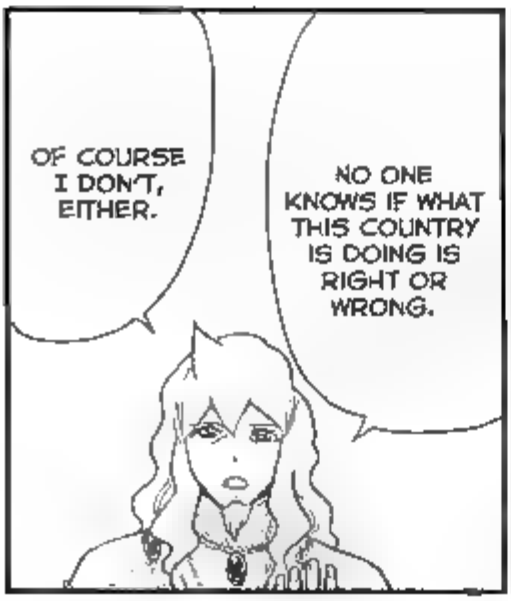
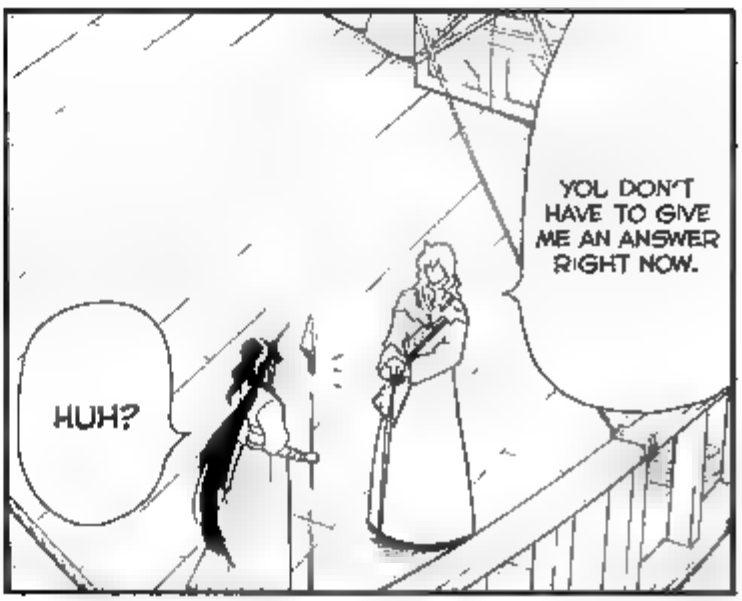
WELL,
THANKS TO YOU, I WAS ABLE TO ASK ALL OF MY QUESTIONS, BUT...


OF COURSE I DON'T, EITHER.
NO ONE KNOWS IF WHAT THIS COUNTRY IS DOING IS RIGHT OR WRONG.


HUH?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER RIGHT NOW.

IF YOU THINK IT ALL OVER CAREFULLY TO FIND YOUR OWN ANSWER, YOU'LL GAIN A GREATER UNDERSTANDING, WON'T YOU?
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU MUST TREASURE THE THINGS YOU SAW, EXPERIENCED, AND LEARNED WHILE YOU WERE THERE.

I WILL!

THINK IT OVER ON THE WAY BACK TO BALBADD.
THAT'S ENOUGH FROM ME.

I'M JUDAR! I'M A MAGI, A WORLD-CREATING MAGICIAN.
The mysterious boy, Judar, has become an ally!
Gyaha haha!
OWW WWW WWW
OH, YEAH. N CE TO MEET...
NICE TO MEET YOU.
GO AHEAD.
HEHE I GUESS I SHOULD NTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU, TOO.

Friendship Fail

I'M THE ONLY ONE HE GOT...

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I SEE.

...NAH, I'M GOOD.

BUSY, BUSY, SO BUSY!!

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JA'FAR

LARGEST ACCOUNTING PERIOD OF THE QUARTER

JA'FAR, HERE ARE THE NUMBERS YOU WANTED

Take 2

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PEACHES AROUND HERE? I'M SICK OF ALL THE HARD FRUIT YOU'VE GOT.

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Opened the door with his foot

HEY. FRECKLES.

THAT LOOKS TOUGH... I WONDER IF THERE'S SOME WAY I COULD HELP...

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Apple Core

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ISN'T THERE ANYTHING MORE DELICIOUS . HEY! ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?!

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AND ISN'T THERE ANY MEAT? IT'S NO GOOD HAVING FISH ALL THE TIME!

I'LL KILL YOU.
Friendship Fail
HUUH? YOU GONNA TAKE ON A MAGI LIKE ME??
PLEASE CALM DOWN!!
WAAAH!! JA'FAR GOT CRUSHED!
WHY DON'T YOU GET ALONG WITH THE OTHERS?
IF YOU JUST TALKED TO THEM, YOU'D FIND OUT THAT THEY'RE ALL GOOD, KIND PEOPLE.
HEY, JUDAR...
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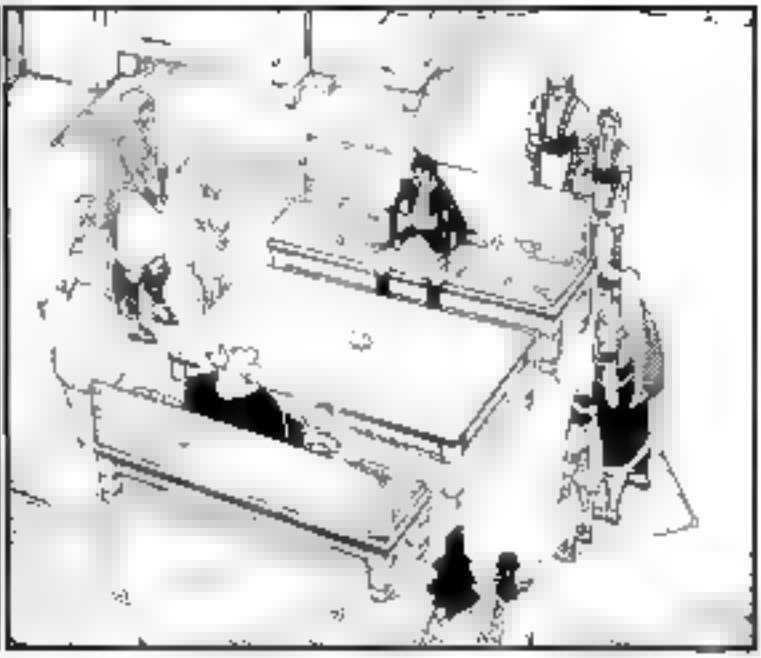
Take 3

DOESN'T MATTER..
.....
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO TRY TO GET ALONG WITH SMALL FRY LIKE THEM.
Hmph
AS A MAGI, I HAVE A NOBLE MISSION, YA KNOW?
.....
As long as have Sinel and the others.
BUT I JUST TOLD YOU I DON'T NEED ANY!! IDIOT!
HUH?!
I SEE... WE'LL HAVE TO STUDY HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS
together
IF I'VE GOT A KING LIKE YOU, I DON'T NEED ANYONE ELSE!

THE END

Sindria Trading Company Ba badd Main Office
WELCOME HOME, SIN.
NIGHT 128: THE WRIGGLING SHADOW
I'VE PREPARED REPORTS FOR YOUR REVIEW. THE MOST IMPORTANT DEALS WE'VE MADE IN YOUR ABSENCE ARE
THAT CAN WAIT

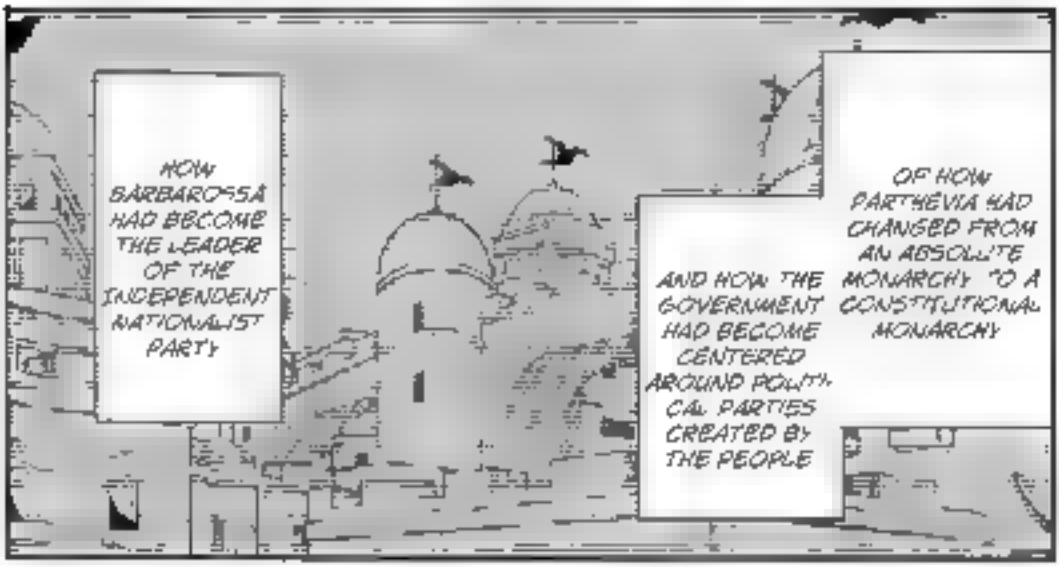
PLEASE GATHER RURUMU AND THE OTHERS.
I'D LIKE TO REPORT MY FINDINGS IN PARTHEVIA



HOW WERE THINGS IN PARTHEVIA ...?
PLEASE TELL US, SINBAD.

SINBAD TOLD THEM

CALM DOWN, CELEN I'LL GET TO EVERYTHING.
MY BROTHER THE PALACE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM ?


HOW BARBAROSSA HAD BECOME THE LEADER OF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY
AND HOW THE GOVERNMENT HAD BECOME CENTERED AROUND POLITICAL PARTIES CREATED BY THE PEOPLE
OF HOW PARTHEVIA HAD CHANGED FROM AN ABSOLUTE MONARCHY TO A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

THIS SITUATION WITH PARTHEVIA IS SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT YOU COULD SAY
IT'S TRUE THAT IMUCHAKK IS NOT A MONARCHY EITHER, IT'S A GROUP OF ALLIED NATIONS, BUT

THE ABOLITION OF THE MONARCHY THE INTRODUCTION OF A PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT
POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS, ELECTIONS.

GOOD .. I'M GLAD HIS MAJESTY, EMPEROR CEYLAN, IS SAFE..
THANKS TO THE CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM, IT'S ACTUALLY GUARANTEED HIS SAFETY SO YOU CAN PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE
IT'S A COMPLETELY NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM.
CELEN'S BROTHER IS SAFE
ALSO, THE EMPEROR
IT'S IRONIC THAT BARBAROSSA'S REVOLUTION ENDED UP PROTECTING HIS MAJESTY...
I FEARED THAT DUE TO HIS AGE HIS MAJESTY WOULD END UP IN A SITUATION MUCH LIKE THE ONE WE FOUND IN HELIOHART..
THIS IS RIDICULOUS.
BUT THIS REFORM ISN'T REALLY

WAS CAUSED BY A COUP D'ETAT, AND MY FATHER'S ASSASSINATION
A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY ?
I CAN'T FORGIVE THE FACT THAT THIS REFORM
WHO HAS SURVIVED SO MUCH.
THIS SYSTEM SHOWS NO COMPASSION FOR MY BROTHER.
THIS IS AN INSULT TO THE THRONE I WON'T ACCEPT IT
BY STRIPPING AWAY ALL THEIR POWER.
IT'S LIKE HE'S MADE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF THE ROYAL FAMILY USING THEM AS PUPPETS.

IT'S MERELY TEMPORARY
PLACING THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE CAUSES THEM TO THINK ONLY OF THEIR NEW ADVANTAGE.
STILL IT'S TRUE THAT THINGS HAVE IMPROVED IN PARTHENIA. THE PEOPLE, TOO.
OF COURSE

THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM WITH THE CITIZENS DECIDING FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEY WANT THEIR COUNTRY TO BE RUN.
A COUNTRY SHOULD EXIST FOR THE SAKE OF ITS PEOPLE. ITS LAND, ITS ASSETS, THEY ALL RIGHTFULLY BELONG TO ITS CITIZENS.
!
I DISAGREE

YOU CAN GOVERN WITHOUT A KING. A COUNTRY CAN BE CREATED THAT WAY
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH THIS KIND OF REFORM.
IN FACT I THINK WE CAN LEARN SOMETHING FROM IT

CELEN, IT'S JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME
BESIDES, EMPEROR CEYLAN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS THE SYMBOL OF ROYAL AUTHORITY.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR HIM TO BE A LEADER. WHAT IS NECESSARY IS HIS ROYAL BLOODLINE
AS A SYMBOL OF ROYAL AUTHORITY.
ISN'T THAT THE IDEAL FORM OF A COUNTRY YOU TOLD ME ABOUT?
CITIZENS CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT AND THE KING IS A SYMBOL TOGETHER THEY CREATE A NEW COUNTRY IN WHICH EVERYONE WORKS TO SUSTAIN IT
PARTHEVIA HAS TURNED OUT JUST LIKE THAT

I THINK SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY SHOULD MAKE A DEAL WITH THE INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY

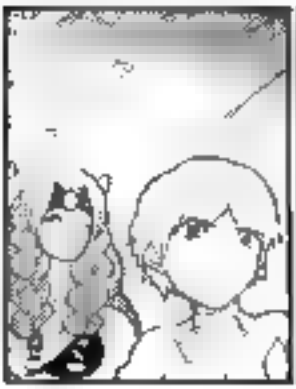
I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VALUE OF THEIR EFFORTS
SO,

BUT IF THEY BECOME THE POLITICAL PARTY IN POWER. THEY COULD BE USEFUL TO US
OF COURSE WE CAN'T TRUST THEM COMPLETELY
SIN.

OF COURSE, I'M NOT JUST SAYING THIS OUT OF ARROGANCE
SO AT THE VERY LEAST PARTHEVIA IN IT'S CURRENT STATE IS NO THREAT.
IT SEEMS I'M NO LONGER A WANTED MAN IN PARTHEVIA.

THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT ABOUT WORKING WITH THEM.

THE PARTHEVIA I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES IS NO LONGER THE SAME COUNTRY IT USED TO BE



I WON'T REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES I MADE WITH THE MARIADEL COMPANY

BUT I'M NOT RUSHING INTO THINGS ALL ON MY OWN ANY MORE

WE'LL BELIEVE IN HIM.

IF SINBAD HAS THOUGHT THAT MUCH ABOUT IT

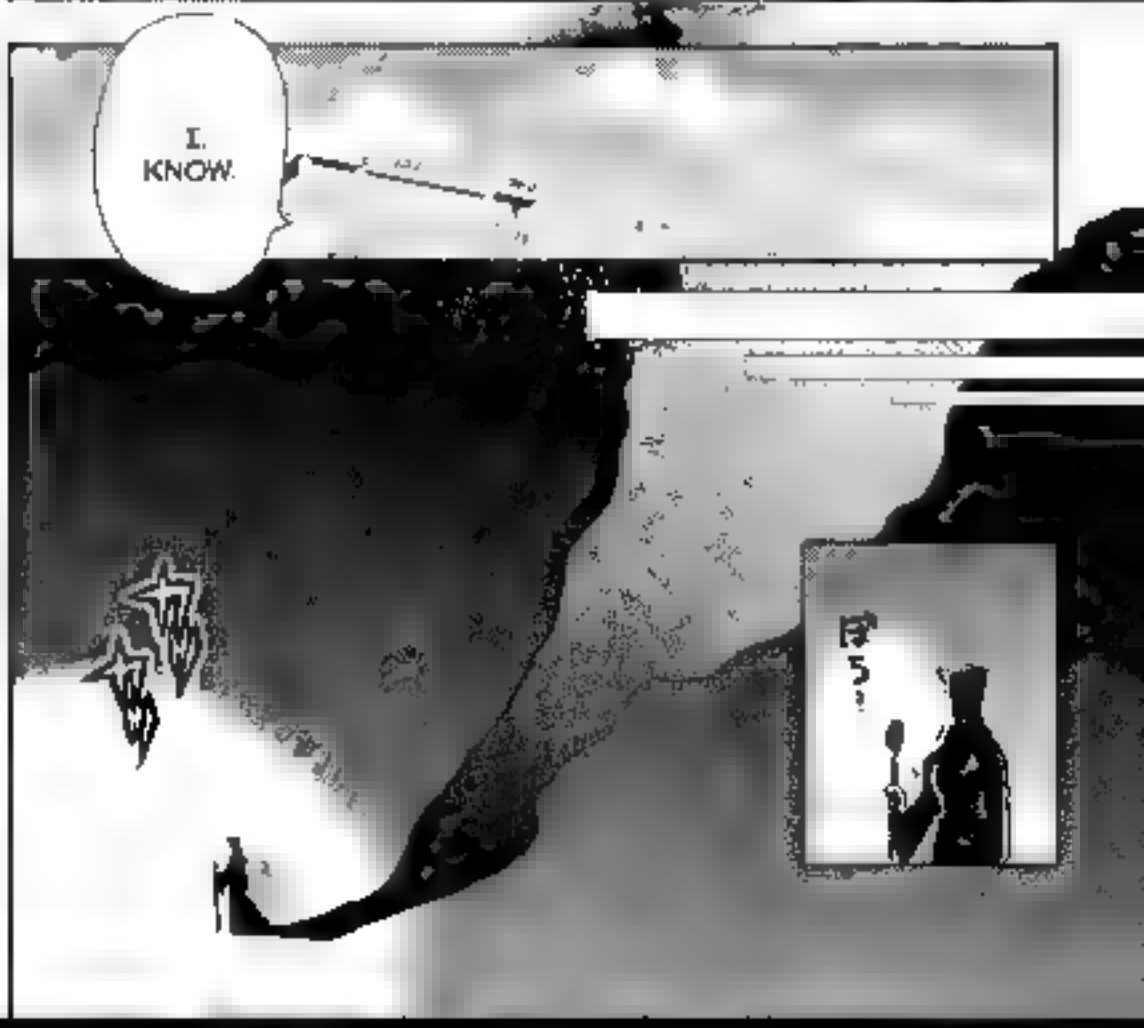
EVEN IF WE WANTED TO STOP YOU, YOU'VE ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MIND. SO, LET'S OPEN UP TRADE WITH PARTHEVIA.

IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SAY ALL THAT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.

THIS IS SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY
I'M SURE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN OPINIONS, BUT

MISS CELENDINE

YOU'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT OUR DECISION.


I. KNOW.
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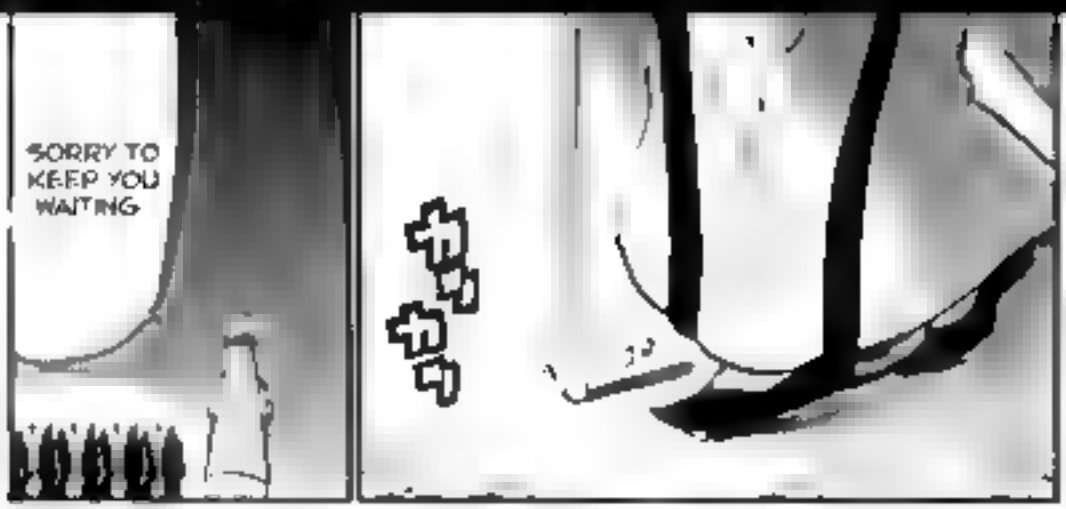
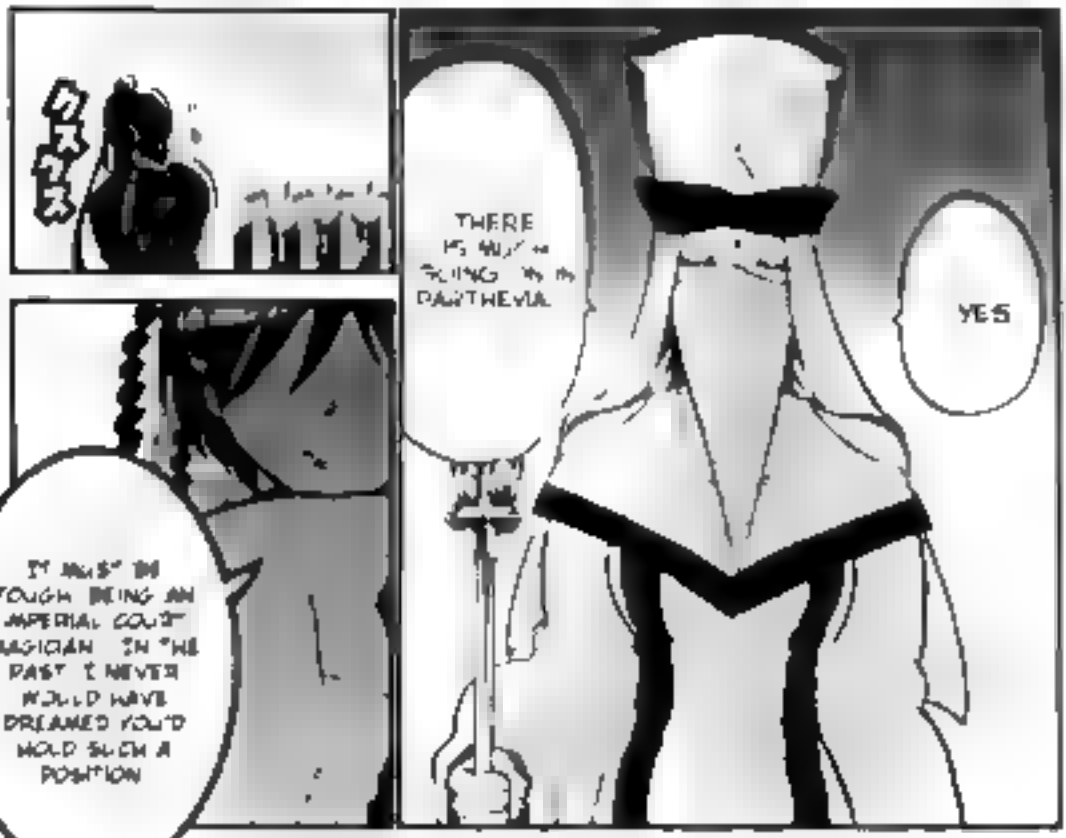

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING

OH, YOU'RE LATER THAN USUAL TODAY LADY FALAN


THERE
YES
IT MUST BE TOUGH BEING AN IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIAN IN THE PAST I NEVER WOULD HAVE DREAMED YOU'D HOLD SUCH A POSITION

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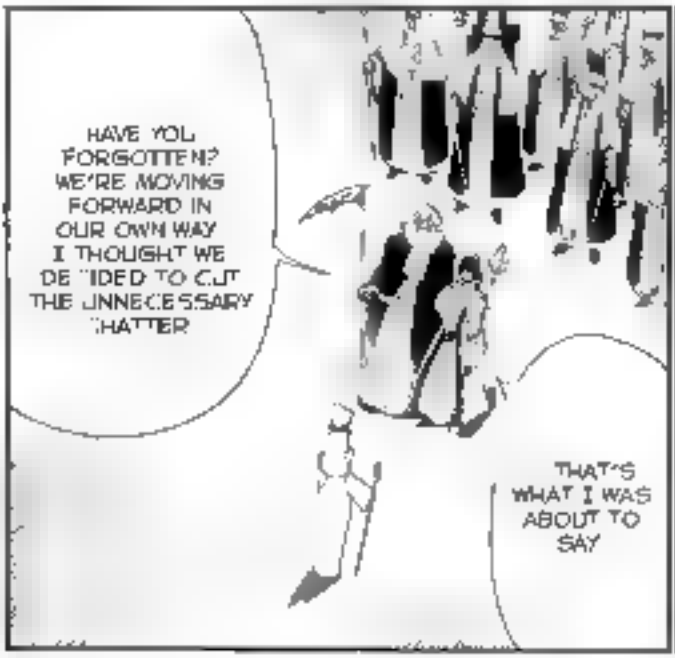
Ren Gyokuen

NOW, MY MISSION IS TO CREATE THE DARK SPOT
I'VE ALREADY THROWN AWAY MY PAST

BACK WHEN I MET YOU. YOU WERE ONLY ABOUT THIS TALL. YOU WERE SUCH A CUTE LITTLE CHILD
BE QUIET GYOKUEN. NO, ARBA


HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? WE'RE MOVING FORWARD IN OUR OWN WAY. I THOUGHT WE DECIDED TO CUT THE UNNECESSARY CHATTER
THAT'S WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO SAY

THE ONLY ONE ACTUALLY MAKING ANY PROGRESS IS ME, ISN'T IT?
BEFORE YOU TALK ABOUT OTHERS, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD FEEL ASHAMED OF YOURSELF

YOU MUST QUIT TAKING ACTION ON YOUR OWN.

BESIDES, THE ONE THAT FOUND THAT MAGI WAS ME

PLEASE DON'T GET IN MY WAY
I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO SEE THAT CHILD
WHAT POWER DO YOU HAVE OVER THAT?
THAT WAS SOMETHING THE MAGI DECIDED
TESS
AH, TESS.
I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE YOU, TESS.
HER PAST HOLDS HER CAPTIVE, AND IT'S CRUSHING HER.
THROWN AWAY HER PAST? WHAT A LIE
TESS
OH, TESS
WE WILL RECREATE OUR FATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF TRUE BELIEVERS.
EVERYTHING CONTINUES AS PLANNED.
THIS IS THANKS TO FALAN.
BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT

ACCORDING TO
AL THAMEN'S AGENDA.

WHAT? THOSE HAGS.
BUT I JUST STARTED HAVING FUN. OH, WELL
AS LONG AS IT GETS MORE FUN AFTER THIS, I DON'T REALLY MIND.

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NIGHT 129: THE VOW AT SUNSET
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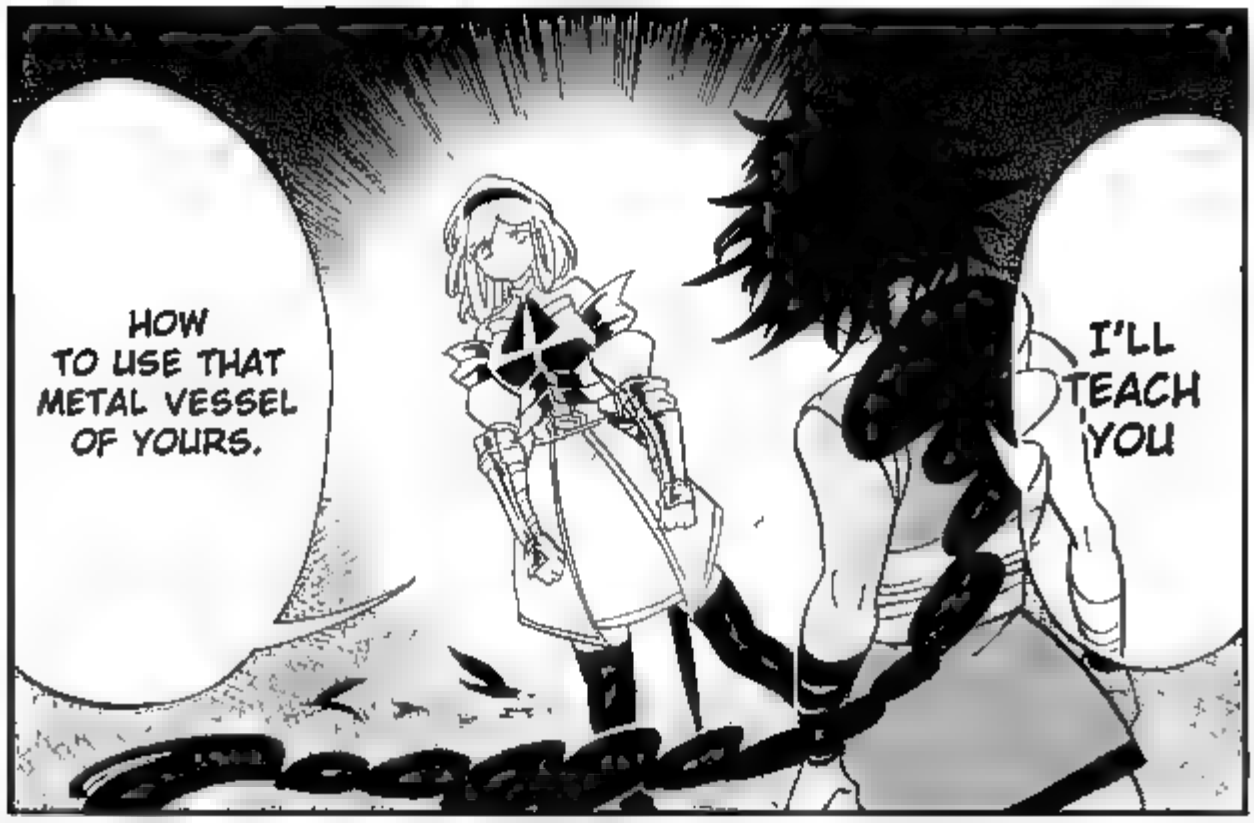
If ships won't work, we may need to get Artemyra's cooperation.
About our route to Parthevia.
Is it best start from our Realm location?

JUDAR?
YO, CELEN!
YOU...
.....
.....
I CAN'T COMMENT ON OUR PRESIDENT'S DECISION RIGHT NOW.
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT GONNA TALK WITH THOSE GUYS IN THERE?

BUT IF YOU KEEP ACTING LIKE THIS, IT WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING!
YOU MANAGED TO GET YOUR HANDS ON A METAL VESSEL,
THERE'S NO POINT. I'M GOING BACK TO WORK...
Huuuh ?!
WHAT?! HOW BORING!

...GEEZ. IF YOU REMAIN WEAK, NOTHING WILL EVER CHANGE...
BUT, JUDAR, I...
I DON'T WANNA HEAR YOUR EXCUSES.

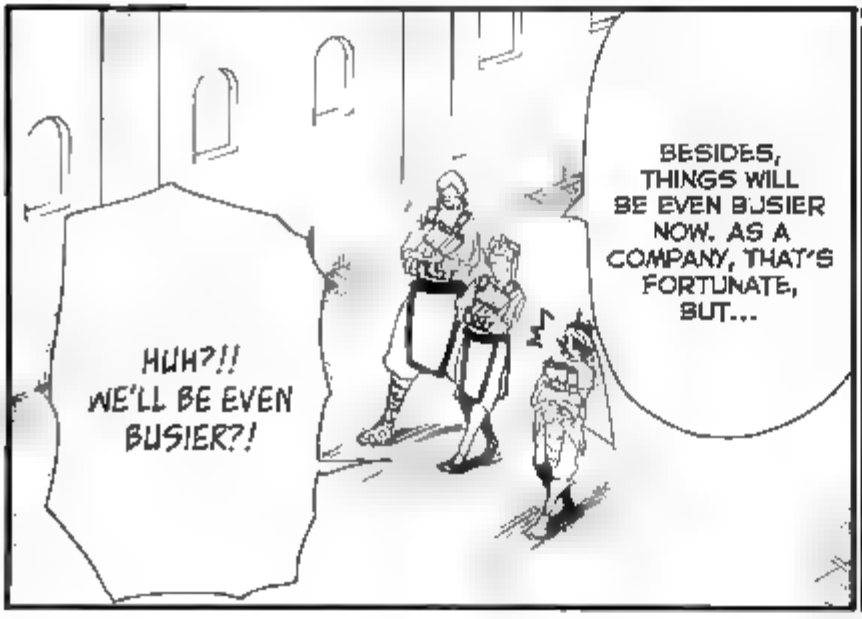

HOW TO USE THAT METAL VESSEL OF YOURS.
I'LL TEACH YOU

WELL, THAT SURE WAS A SURPRISE, HUH?!!

BUT ARE YOU TWO ALL RIGHT? YOU WERE IN SHAM LASH, AFTER ALL.
...YEAH.

I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D BE TRADING WITH PARTHEVIA...
SINBAD MADE A PRETTY DRASTIC DEC.SION, HUH?

WE'VE DECIDED TO BEL EVE IN SINBAD, AND FOLLOW H.M WHEREVER HE MAY LEAD US.
IT WOULD BE A LIE TO SAY I'M NOT WORRIED, BUT SINBAD CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR ALL OF US.


HUH?!! WE'LL BE EVEN BUSIER?!
BESIDES, THINGS WILL BE EVEN BUSIER NOW. AS A COMPANY, THAT'S FORTUNATE, BUT...

IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
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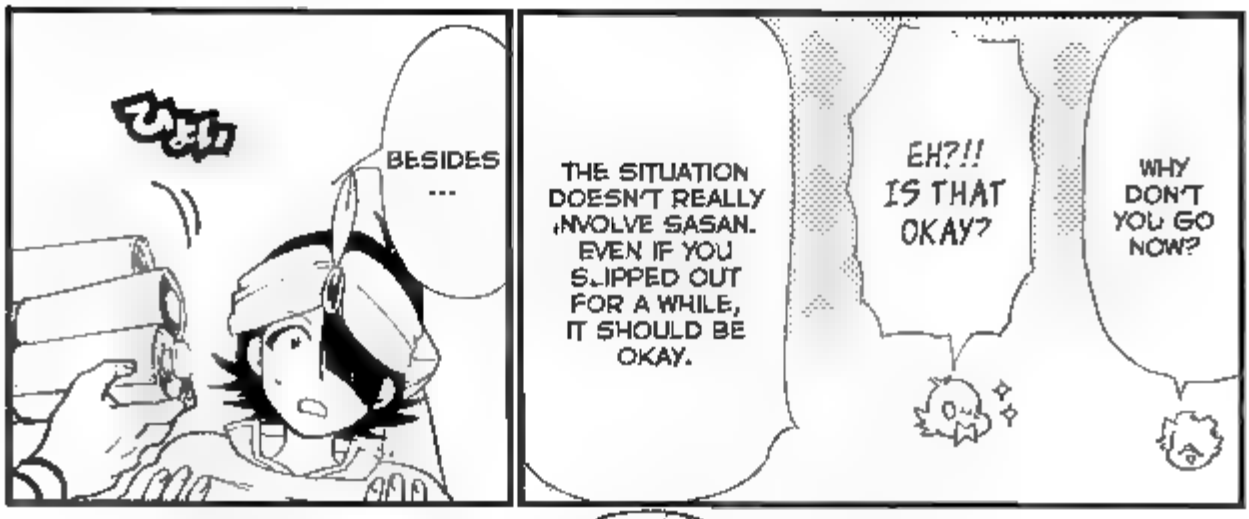
I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO DO ANY SIGHTSEEING AROUND BALBADD YET... WHEN AM I EVER GOING TO GET TO HAVE FUN!?
NO WAY...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BESIDES ...
THE SITUATION DOESN'T REALLY INVOLVE SASAN. EVEN IF YOU SLIPPED OUT FOR A WHILE, IT SHOULD BE OKAY.
EH?!! IS THAT OKAY?
WHY DON'T YOU GO NOW?

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IT WOULD BE A GOOD CHANCE TO ASK OUT THE GIRL YOU LIKE, OR WHATEVER.
HUH ?!!

I PREFER GUYS LIKE MYSTRAS.

Good luck, youngsters.

But we saw you.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, VITTEL?!!

A GREAT CHANCE...?!

AH... BUT THIS REALLY IS...

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I'LL GO! I'LL GO!! I HAVEN'T BEEN YET EITHER.

HUH? SIGHTSEEING IN BALBADD?

THIS SHOULD LET US BECOME CLOSER QUICKLY... IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP..
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YAY!!
Of course
Can go, Sister Rurumu?
Thank you, God of Sasan!
ARE YOU READY TO GO, MYSTRAS?
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I'll DO MY BEST!!
YES!!
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BUT MYSTRAS IS JUST A REGULAR PERSON.
WE'RE BOTH IMUCHAKK, SO THAT'S OKAY,
AND THE IMUCHAKK REALLY ARE RIDICULOUSLY STRONG!
THAT'S RIGHT... I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS.
AH! DON'T DO THAT, KIKIRIKU.
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I'M A MAN
NO! IT'S FINE.

OKAY ..
YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE IT EASY ON HIM.

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AND DESPITE HOW I LOOK, I'M STILL ONE OF THE SKILLED KNIGHTS OF SASAN! MY TRAINING IS DIFFERENT...

This way.

FOR NOW, LET'S WALK AROUND TOWN TO SEE THE SIGHTS.

JA'FAR IS AMAZING. HE'S SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH THIS KID.

I RAISED HIM.

I... I'M... OKAY...

ARE YOU OKAY, MYSTRAS?!

SMELLS LIKE FOOD.

Pipirika, this restaurant's food is delicious

Balbadd's well-known for this fruit..

The truth is um.!

Pipirika

IT'S FINE. YOU'RE ALL BEAT UP, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
Having you carry me...
I'M SORRY... PIPIRIKA...
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..DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
KIKIRIKU... YOU CAN'T KEEP DOING THINGS LIKE THIS.

I HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER, SO I GET IT .. THAT'S THE SAME NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE... IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF YOU'RE IMUCHAKK OR NOT.
IF A KID'S GOING TO COME AT ME WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH, I JUST NEED TO USE ALL MINE, TOO.
KIKIRIKU JUST WANTED TO PLAY WITH ME.

I WANT TO TRAIN HARDER AND BECOME STRONGER...
SO THAT K KIR KU DOESN'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK WHEN HE PLAYS WITH ME.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WHEN YOU'RE SO BEAT UP ..?
THAT'S BECAUSE.. I'M ASHAMED.
YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT?!
YUP. SO, I THINK YOU CAN DO IT, MYSTRAS.
I HEARD FROM MY BROTHER THAT YOU WERE ON PAR WITH HIM WHEN THE TWO OF YOU FOUGHT IN THE DUNGEON.
I SEE.
I'LL BE WAITING.
ONCE YOU DO, INVITE ME OUT AGAIN.

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I... REALLY...
PIPIRIKA... I... !!

I THOUGHT THE MOOD WAS RIGHT, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED!!
NO!!
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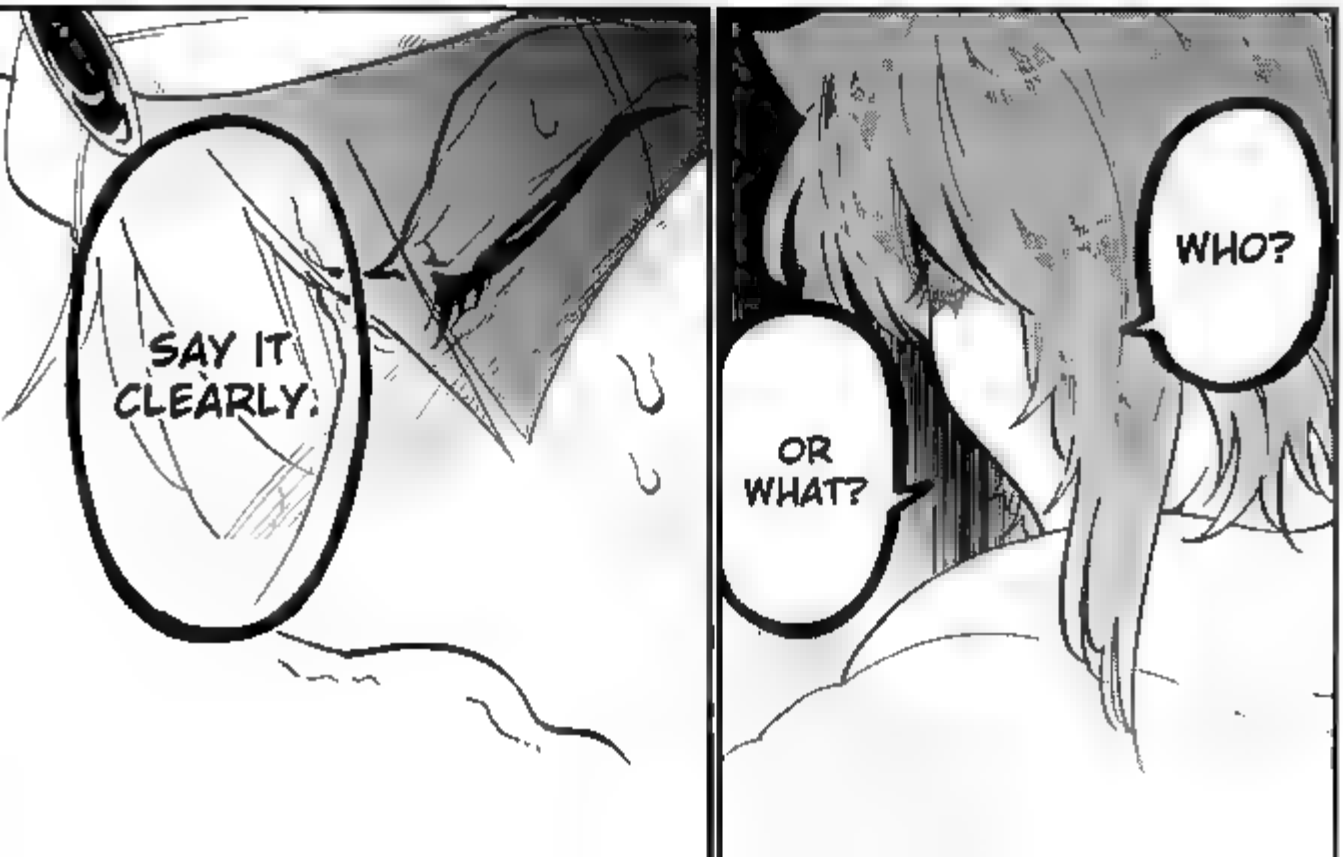
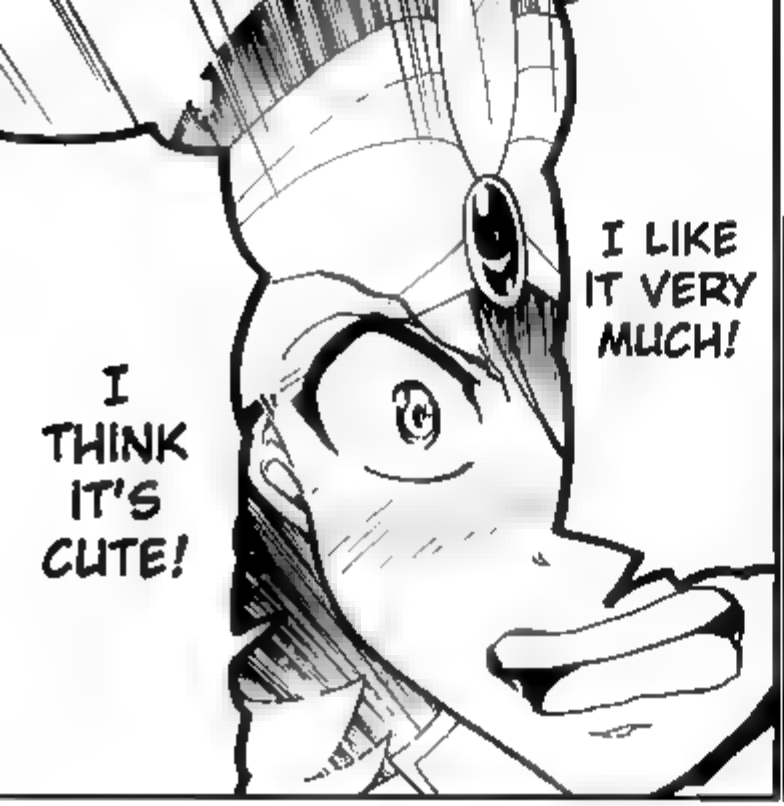
JUST THE TWO OF US!!
WANTED TO GO ON A DATE,

UMMM, I MEAN...
WHY DID YOU REALLY INVITE ME OUT?
...HUH?
DATE? WHAT IN THE WORLD...?

BECAUSE I... WELL, I LIKE...
WHY?
W... WELL, BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER, PIPIRIKA...


SAY IT CLEARLY.
WHO?
OR WHAT?

I LIKE YOU, PIPIRIKA!!
I'M... SO UNREFINED.
AREN'T YOU IMAGINING THINGS?
YOU'RE VERY KIND, PIPIRIKA!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
EVER SINCE WE FIRST TALKED, I'VE THOUGHT YOU WERE WONDERFUL...
AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO STOP MY FEELINGS FROM GROWING...

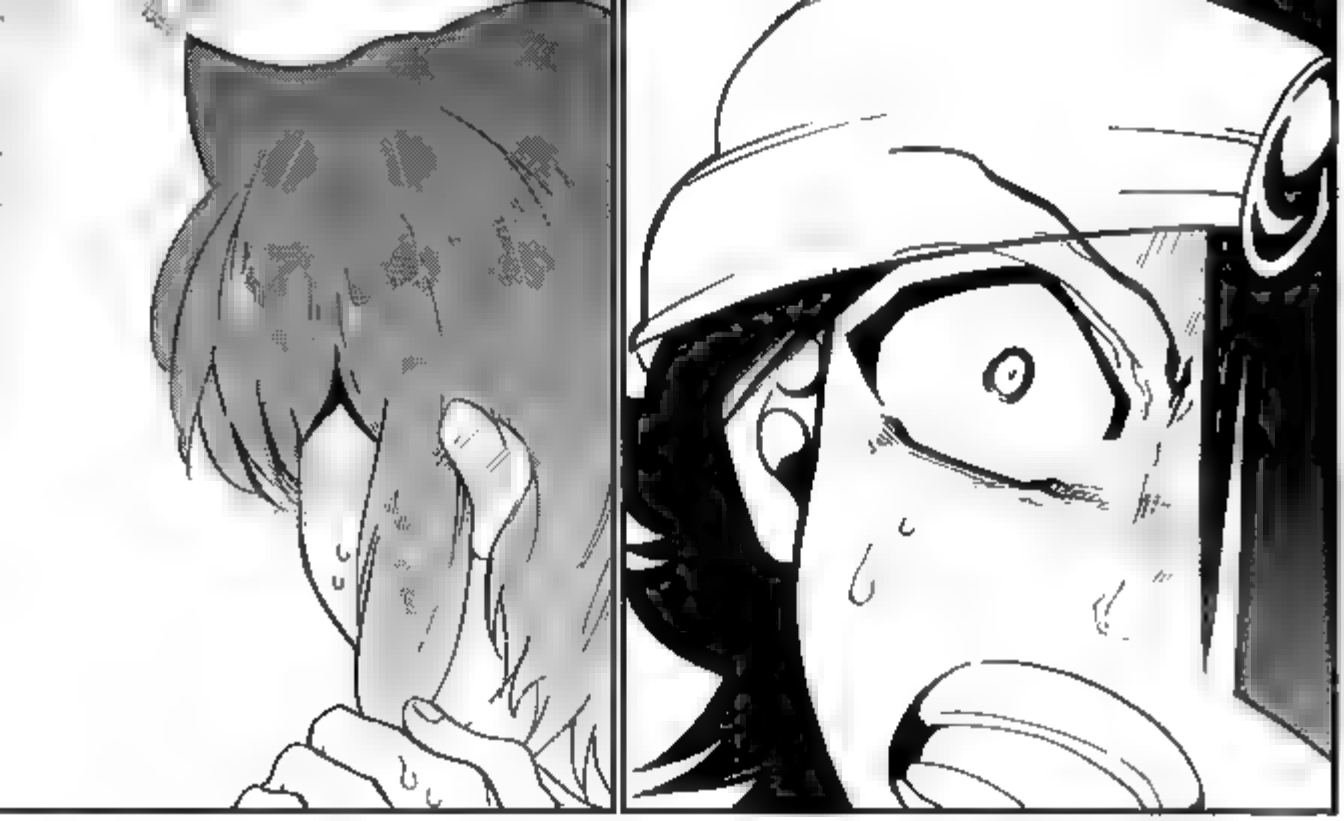

I THINK IT'S CUTE!
I LIKE IT VERY MUCH!

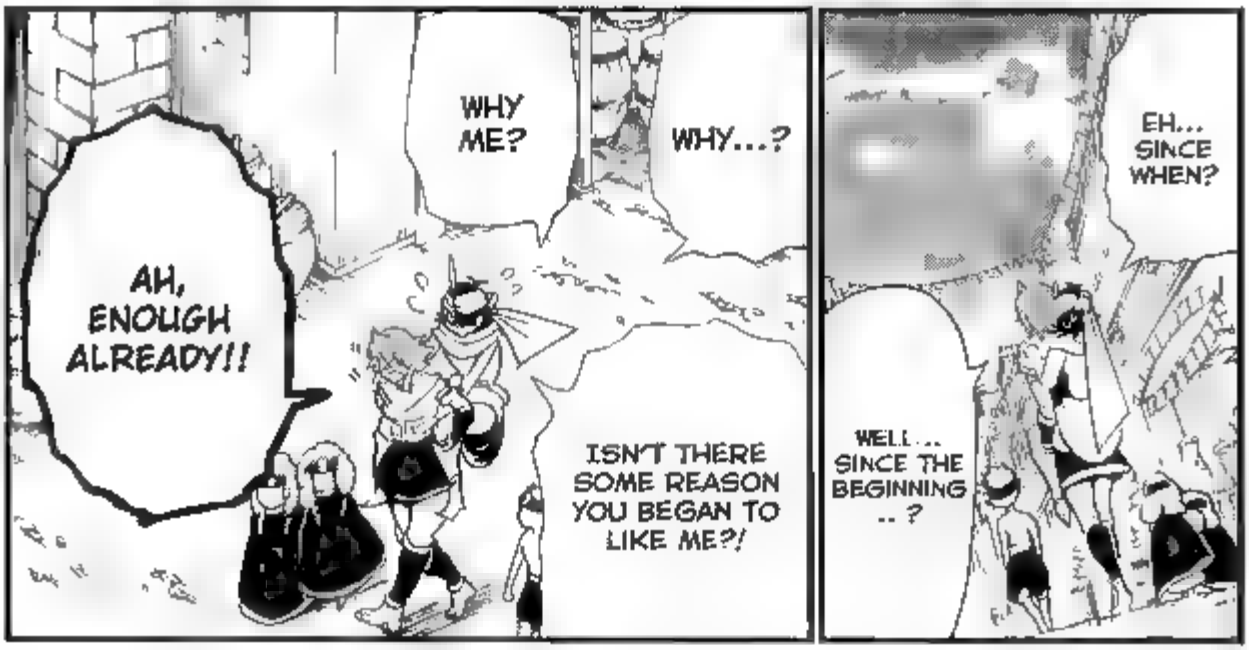
BUT,
YOU WOULDN'T LIKE SUCH A BIG WOMAN...

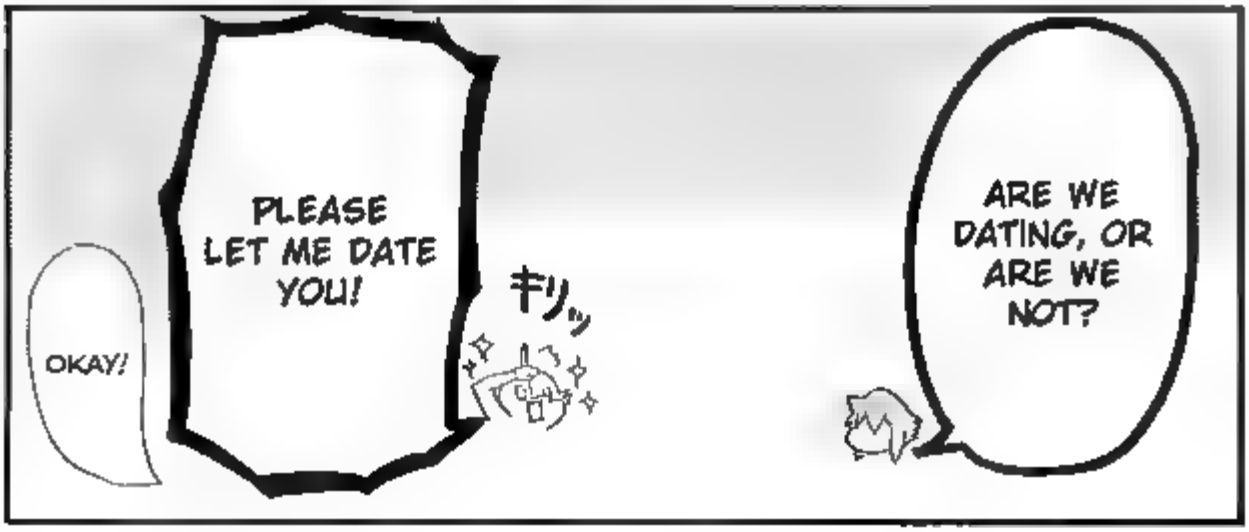
YOU'RE CHEERFUL AND REFRESHING, AND CARE ABOUT THOSE AROUND YOU
YOUR SMILE IS LOVELY, YOU'RE PRETTY,
AND YOU'RE THE BEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!!

SO, PLEASE! GO OUT WITH ME!!
OKAY, SURE.
EH?

I...
BECAUSE I...
SURE... I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU.
MYSTRAS.
I LIKE YOU, TOO...




AH, ENOUGH ALREADY!!
WHY ME?
WHY...?
ISN'T THERE SOME REASON YOU BEGAN TO LIKE ME?!
EH... SINCE WHEN?
WELL... SINCE THE BEGINNING..?


OKAY!
PLEASE LET ME DATE YOU!
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ARE WE DATING, OR ARE WE NOT?

DON'T GO OFF SOMEWHERE AND LEAVE ME BEHIND, OKAY?

HEHE... IF WE'RE DATING, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO MAKE ME SAD. GOT IT?

SO, YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME, MYSTRAS.
I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR.

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OF COURSE I WON'T.
I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU HAPPY, PIPIRIKA!

NIGHT 130: THINGS TO PROTECT
YOU CAN'T DRAW OUT THE REAL POWER OF A METAL VESSEL LIKE THAT.
BOR-ING.
WHAT? IS THAT IT?

I'M NOT GIVING UP YET.

NOT YET...

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, CELEN-DINE.

WE'VE DECIDED TO START DATING!
SO THAT MEANS,
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AH, WE DID A GOOD JOB, HUH?
MM HMM
yeah yeah
THAT'S GREAT. YOU MAKE A NICE COUPLE.
Good for you

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UNFORGIVABLE... DATING MY LITTLE SISTER... I WON'T FORGIVE HIM...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!! STOP INTERFERING
NO!! YOUR BROTHER WON'T ACCEPT THIS!!
RURUMU...
NOW, NOW... THIS IS GOOD, ISN'T IT?
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W WE'RE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO THINK ABOUT CHILDREN!!
THAT'S RIGHT DATING AND MARRIAGE ARE DIFFERENT THINGS.
THEN, WE SHOULD CELEBRATE THE HAPPINESS OF TWO YOUNG PEOPLE.
YOU MADE THIS DECISION TOGETHER, RIGHT?
CHILDREN?!!
SO, HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU PLAN TO HAVE?

HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET, BECOME FRIENDS, AND DEVELOP AN AFFECTION FOR ONE ANOTHER.
STILL, I'M GLAD THAT THE TWO OF YOU ..

EVERYONE, PLEASE TRY TO LIVE EACH DAY WITHOUT REGRETS...
THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR ANY OF US.

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT US!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
DON'T WORRY! RIGHT NOW, WE COULDN'T BE HAPPIER!!

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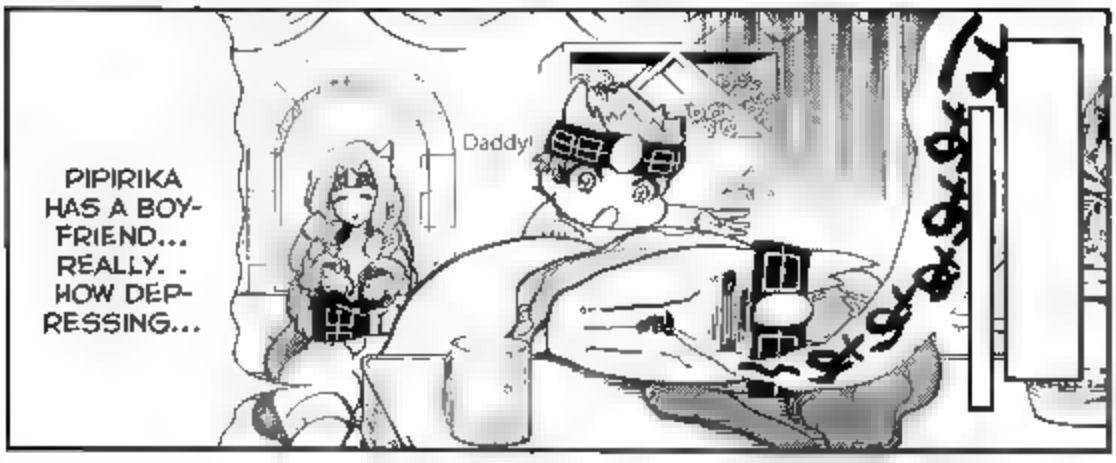
Well, I guess I should start thinking about a family
Eh? Why? Too serious
Eh?!!!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Daddy!
PIPIRIKA HAS A BOY-FRIEND... REALLY. . HOW DEP-RESSING...

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LORD HINAHOHO... ARE YOU THAT AGAINST HER CHOOS NG MYSTRAS AS HER PART-NER?

IT'S NOT THAT I'M AGAINST IT...
MYSTRAS IS A GOOD GUY, AND A STRONG WARRIOR WHO FOUGHT ME AS AN EQUAL.
AREN'T THOSE GOOD THINGS?

DATING SOMEONE OUTSIDE OUR RACE IS JUST SOMETHING THAT'S NEVER REALLY HAPPENED BEFORE.
WE IMUCHAKK ARE A SPECIAL RACE.
WELL, YES, BUT...
YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS ALL JUST PART OF CHANGE I SUPPOSE...
AS WE'VE EXPANDED, WE'VE FORGED TIES WITH MANY COUNTRIES, MADE CONNECTIONS WITH MANY PEOPLE,
AND OVER-COME VARIOUS OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVE THE SUCCESS WE HAVE TODAY.
SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY HAS REALLY GROWN.

BUT EVERYONE CONTINUES FIGHTING FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN...
AND WE'VE GROWN A LOT
OF COURSE, WE'VE ENDURED THE PAIN THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT...
YEAH, ME TOO.
.....
I'M PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS...
AND THERE'S ONE MORE THING YOU SHOULD KNOW...
UH HUH..
HUH?!
OF THE PLACE WE'VE BUILT, AND ALL THE PEOPLE HERE.

OUR FAMILY IS GROWING AGAIN! THAT'S WONDERFUL
Daddy's happy
YES.
A FOURTH?!
I AM BLESSED, LORD HINAHOHO.
MAKES ME HAPPY.
AND SHARE TIMES LIKE THIS AS HUSBAND AND WIFE,
BUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE TOGETHER,
THERE WAS PROBABLY A FUTURE WHERE WE WOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP TOGETHER...

ME TOO ...!
I FEEL SO CALM, AND YET ?
...I WONDER WHY...

LOOKS LIKE YOU FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT.
SOMETHING... MAKES ME UNEASY...
full-body djinn equip.
Zepar's

ALL RIGHT, TIME FOR THE FINISHING TOUCHES.
YOU WANNA TEST ITS POWER, DON'T YOU?
THIS IS THE LONG-AWAITED FULL-BODY DJINN EQUIP.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
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YOU WANT TO HAVE A DJINN EQUIP BATTLE WITH ME?
THERE'S NO NEED TO, IS THERE? IT'LL JUST BE A WASTE OF MAGOI...
LAME.

YOU'RE AFRAID OF LOSING, AREN'T YOU?
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE TWO METAL VESSELS. PATHETIC
HUUH? THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID.
OW! OW! OW! OW!
THIS IS MY WISH, TOO.

PLEASE... FIGHT ME.

PLEASE HAVE A DJINN EQUIP BATTLE WITH ME,
SINBAD.
NIGHT 131: ZEPAR

YOU WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING AS LAME AS RUNNING FROM A MATCH... WOULD YOU?
DON'T YOU WANT TO TEST YOUR ABILITIES, TOO?
IT'S A GOOD IDEA, ISN'T IT? YOU WON'T GET MANY CHANCES LIKE THIS ONE.
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YOU SHOULD'VE JUST AGREED AT THE START.
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I'LL HAVE A DJ NN EQUIP BATTLE WITH YOU.
...FINE.
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I ALREADY TOLD YOU, THAT'S NOT IT!
IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT, YOU REALLY MUST BE SCARED OF LOSING.
I AM INTERESTED IN ZEPAR'S ABILITIES. THAT'S ALL.
IT'S NOT THAT I'M PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FIGHTING YOU, BUT...

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I WONDER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

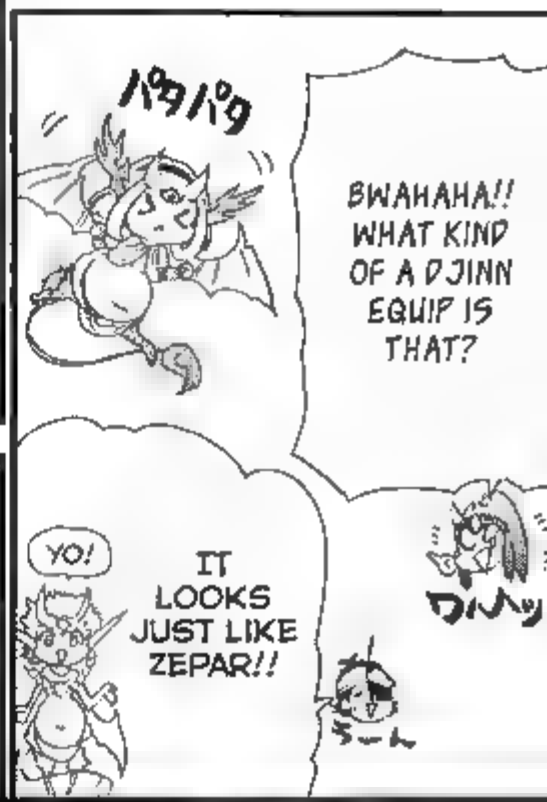
BUT, I AM CURIOUS TO SEE ZEPAR'S DJINN EQUIP.
SUDDENLY DECIDING TO FIGHT LIKE THIS... WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT COULD HAPPEN.

Spirit of falsehood and prestige...
Dwell in my body, Valefor!!
Spirit of souls and puppetry,
dwell in my body, Zepar!!

HE FLEW!!

WHAT ABOUT ZEPAR?!

IT'S SO SHORT AND STOCKY. I DON'T THINK SINBAD WILL LOSE.
Gyahahaha
YEAH, BUT...
YOU'RE BEING RUDE. THAT'S THE DJINN EQUIP OUR PRINCESS WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE!!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BWAHAHA!! WHAT KIND OF A DJINN EQUIP IS THAT?
YO!
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE ZEPAR!!
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...I DON'T CARE WHAT FORM YOU TAKE.

Garufor Zairu
(Ice Beast Howl)

NOW, IT'S MY TURN.
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THAT WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE FIGHT WITH QUEEN MIRA. SOME-THING...
ALL OF THE ICE WAS BROKEN?!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT SMALL BODY...?
HMPH.

!!?
THAT ATTACK WAS ..!!

JUST NOW, I USED A TECHNIQUE THAT CAUSED THE AIR AROUND ME TO VIBRATE, SLICING UP ANYTHING THAT CAME INTO CONTACT WITH IT.
ITS RANGE IS SMALL, BUT IT'S QUITE A POWERFUL ATTACK.
ZEPAR IS A SPIRIT THAT CONTROLS SOUND.
SOUND IS ESSENTIALLY VIBRATIONS IN THE AIR.
SO, I'M IN TROUBLE IF I COME ANYWHERE NEAR YOU...
... I SEE.
YOU'RE TOO LATE.
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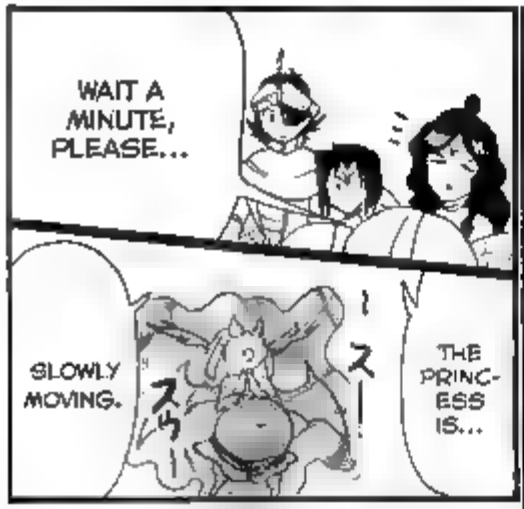
BUT,

SIN WINS THIS ONE.
MISS CELENDINE CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE...

SHE STOPPED MOVING ..
VALEFOR'S STAGNATION ABILITY HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.


WAIT A MINUTE, PLEASE...
SLOWLY MOVING.
THE PRINCESS IS...

FOR SIN, HE ACTUALLY HELD BACK MORE THAN USUAL.

WELL... IF HE'D USED BAAL, HE COULD HAVE ENDED IT IN ONE SECOND WITH "BARARAQ SAIQA."
JUST AS EXPECTED FROM SINBAD! EVEN AGAINST ZEPAR'S DJINN EQUIP, HE CAN'T BE BEAT.

GOOD JOB, CELENDINE.
ZEPAR CAN USE SOUND AS AN INTERMEDIARY TO CALL OUT TO PEOPLE'S SPIRIT
IF YOU ORDER THEM TO "SLEEP" THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS. .
THIS IS THE POWER OF ZEPAR...!!
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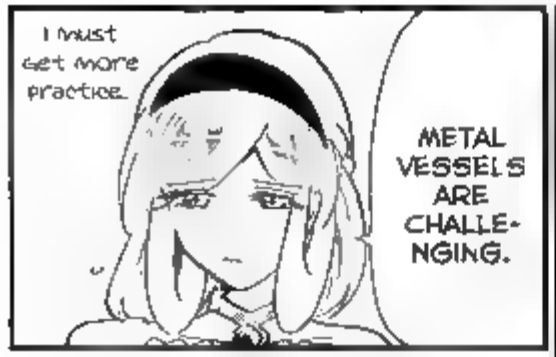
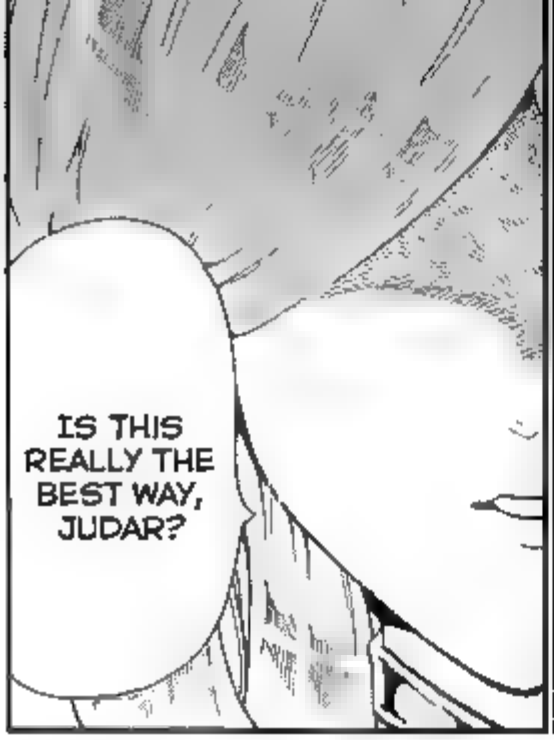
I'M SORRY, EVERYONE.


I must get more practice.
METAL VESSELS ARE CHALLE-NGING.

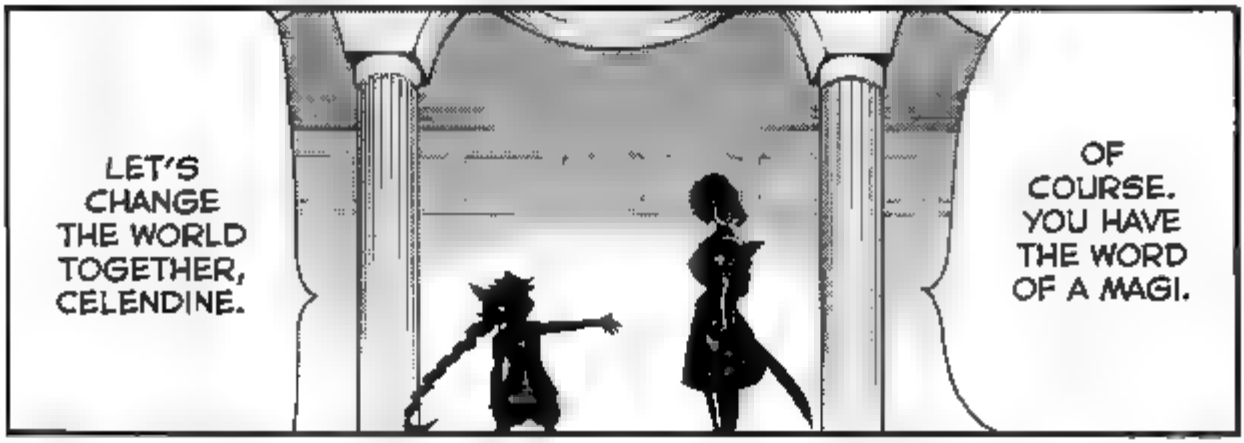
THIS POWER WILL DEFINITELY BE USEFUL. I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU.
NO, YOU FOUGHT WELL FOR YOUR FIRST TIME.

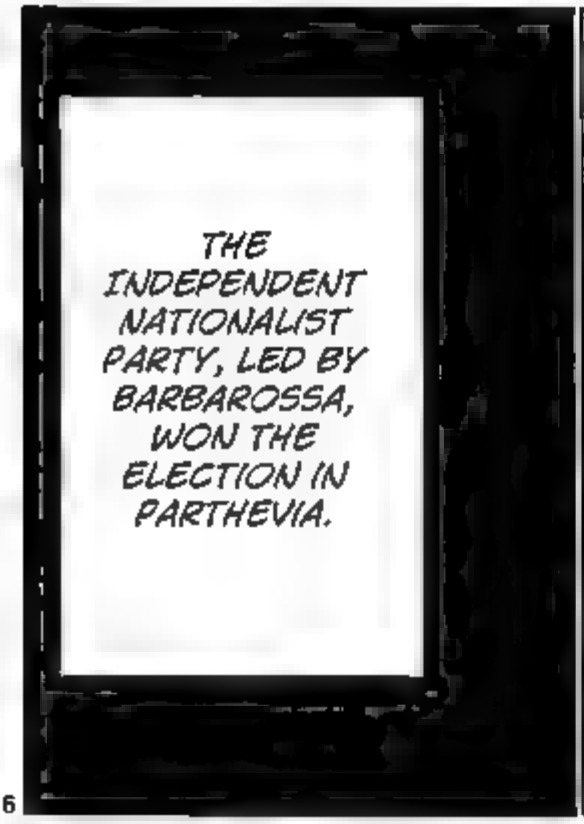
NO, I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD HAVE SUCH A WIDESPREAD EFFECT...
I even affected the town
WE'RE THE ONES WHO UN-DEREST.MATED ZEPAR'S ABILITY...
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLO-GIZE.

SO, THAT MEANS... WE CAN COUNT THIS MATCH AS OUR WIN, RIGHT?
.....
YEAH.
WHAT A POOR LOSER LAME!
With Baal it would've ended as soon as it began.
I DIDN'T REALLY LOSE.
HUH??
Hahaha
SURE, SORE-LOSER-BAD!
SHUT UP!! I SAID I WAS ONLY FIGHTING TO SEE THE POWER OF THE METAL VESSELS!
JUDAR...
CELENDINE, THAT WENT WELL, HUH?


IS THIS REALLY THE BEST WAY, JUDAR?

ABOUT ZEPAR'S POWER.
THOSE GUYS DON'T SUSPECT A THING,


LET'S CHANGE THE WORLD TOGETHER, CELENDINE.
OF COURSE. YOU HAVE THE WORD OF A MAGI.


THE INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY, LED BY BARBAROSSA, WON THE ELECTION IN PARTHEVIA.

My ears are still ringing.
AMIDST THIS INTERSECTION OF CONFLICTING PERSPECTIVES,

SOMEONE WHO WAS ROYALTY SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME ROYALTY

INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY WON?

BARBAR-OSSA'S

THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING.

PRESIDENT BARBARO-SSA...

OUR PARTY LEADER, LORD BARBAROSSA, IS NOW THE LEGITIMATE HEAD OF STATE. HE'S THE IN-CUMBENT PRESIDENT!

AND NOW OUR INDE-PENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY HAS COME INTO POWER.

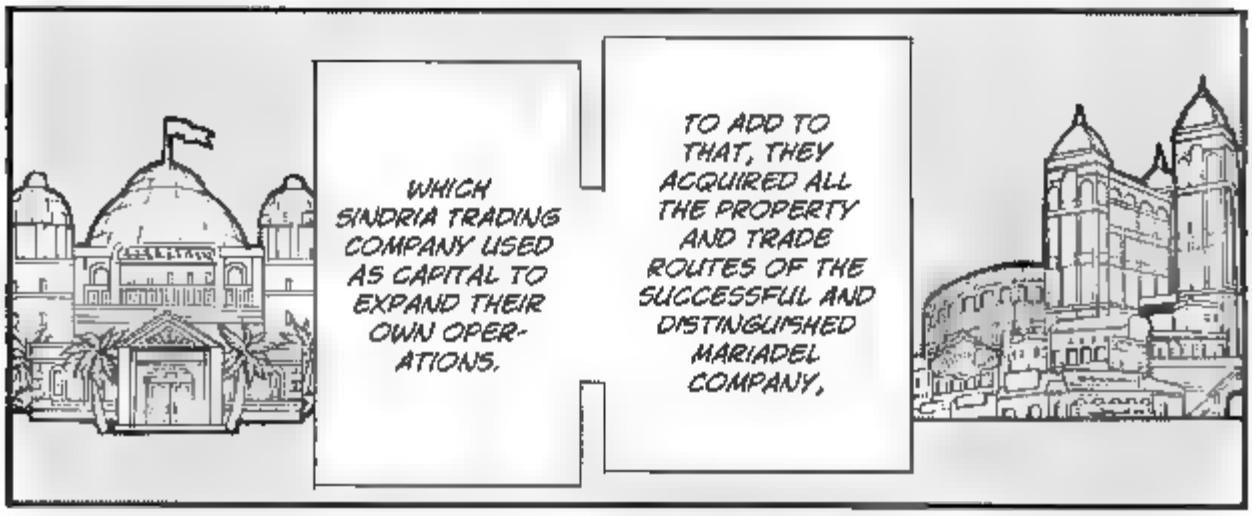
YES.

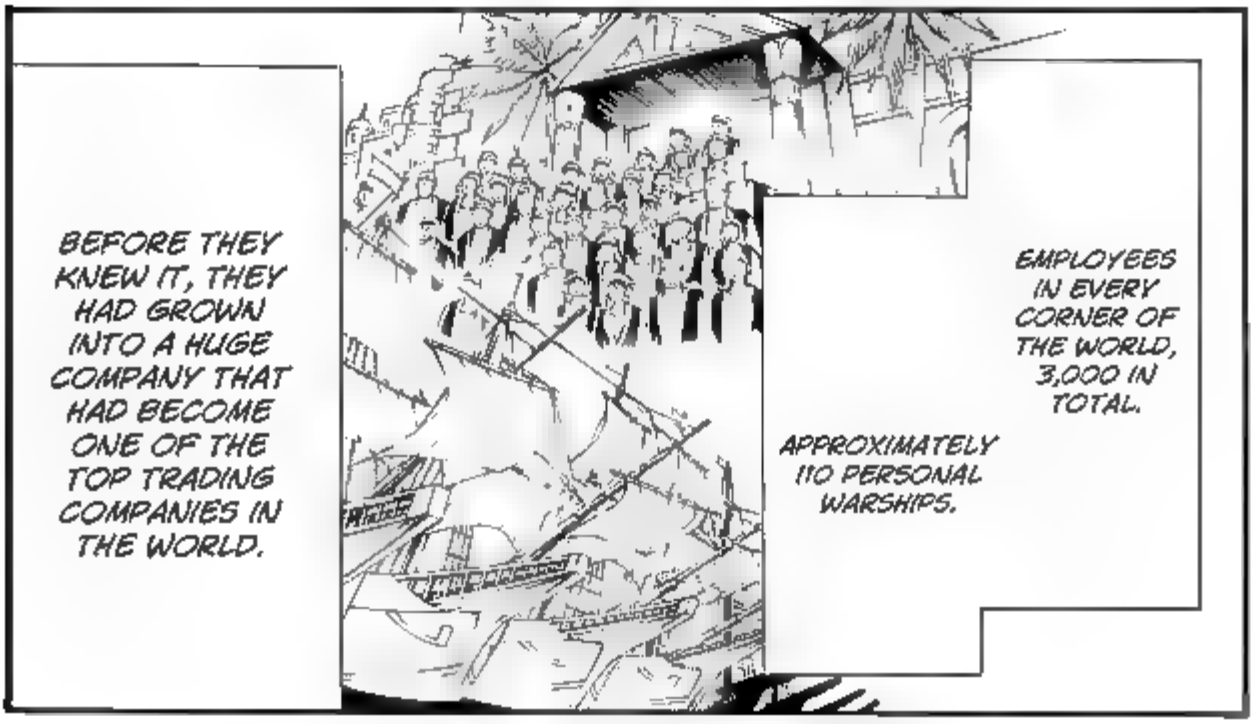
AN INVITATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY TO OUR CELEBRA-TION.

YES, AND WE'VE COME TO DELIVER,

NIGHT 132: CELEBRATION

INCLUDING IMUCHAKK, SASAN, ARTEMYRA, HELIOHAPT, BALBADD, AND REIM.
AT THIS TIME, SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY CONDUCTS TRADE WITHIN AN EXTENSIVE TERRITORY


WHICH SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY USED AS CAPITAL TO EXPAND THEIR OWN OPER-ATIONS.
TO ADD TO THAT, THEY ACQUIRED ALL THE PROPERTY AND TRADE ROUTES OF THE SUCCESSFUL AND DISTINGUISHED MARIADEL COMPANY,


BEFORE THEY KNEW IT, THEY HAD GROWN INTO A HUGE COMPANY THAT HAD BECOME ONE OF THE TOP TRADING COMPANIES IN THE WORLD.
APPROXIMATELY 110 PERSONAL WARSHIPS.
EMPLOYEES IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, 3,000 IN TOTAL.

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK, LORD SINBAD?

That's the scale of a small country, isn't it?! That's why we're so busy.

Yes. The truth is...

I DIDN'T REALIZE... YOU'D REALLY ACCOMPLISHED ALL THAT?!

AND THE ONE WHO LED THEM THERE SINGLE-HANDEDLY, THEIR PRESIDENT SINBAD, ALONG WITH HIS ADVENTURE STORIES, HAD BECOME SO WELL-KNOWN THAT THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE WORLD WHO HADN'T HEARD HIS NAME.

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Calm down.

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I'LL GLADLY ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION.

OF COURSE.

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UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

I'M SURE HIS EXCELLENCY WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT.

YOU'RE GOING TO PARTHEVIA AGAIN?

I WON'T STOP YOU. AT LEAST FOR NOW.

IT'S POINTLESS TO TRY AND STOP ME.
.....

HAVE A SAFE TRIP, PRESIDENT.
?

.....? I WILL.

Parthevia Empire
Celebration Hall

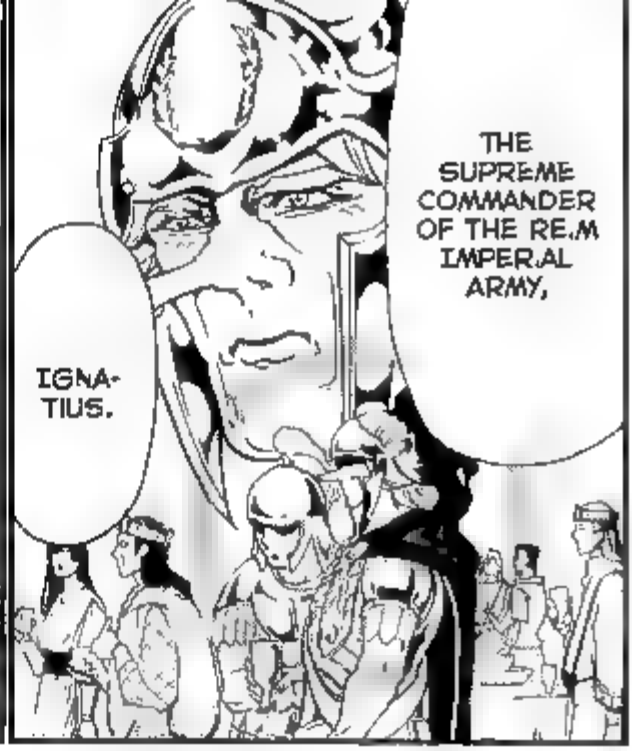
AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR A GREETING FROM OUR INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY LEADER...

OUR INCUMBENT PRESIDENT, BARBAROSSA.

THIS VICTORY IS A MONUMENTAL STEP TOWARDS CHANGING OUR COUNTRY... AND TOWARDS CHANGING THE WORLD.
ALL OF YOU HERE TONIGHT WILL BECOME MY WITNESSES.
AS LONG AS ITS PROUD CITIZENS STILL EXIST!!
PARTHENIA WILL BE REBORN,
AN END TO ITS LONG HISTORY OF WAR.
...THIS COUNTRY HAS FINALLY WELCOMED

ALSO...
ISN'T HE? I WAS SURPRISED THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM, TOO.
HE'S SO POPU-LAR!

WHO TURNED THE THREE COUNTRIES OF THE EAST NTO ONE NEW NATION, THE KOU EMP.RE.
EMEROR HAKUTOKU.


IGNA-TIUS.
THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE RE.M IMPER.AL ARMY,

THE K.NGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT LEADERS OF COUNTRIES WORL.DWIDE ARE GATHERED HERE.
AND KING RASH D.

OH, SINBAD. THANKS FOR COMING...

THIS IS DANGEROUS, BUT I WAS RIGHT THAT WE WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES HERE.
THE INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTY... THEY HOLD REAL POWER!

AH, NO... IT'S PRESIDENT BARBAROSSA NOW!
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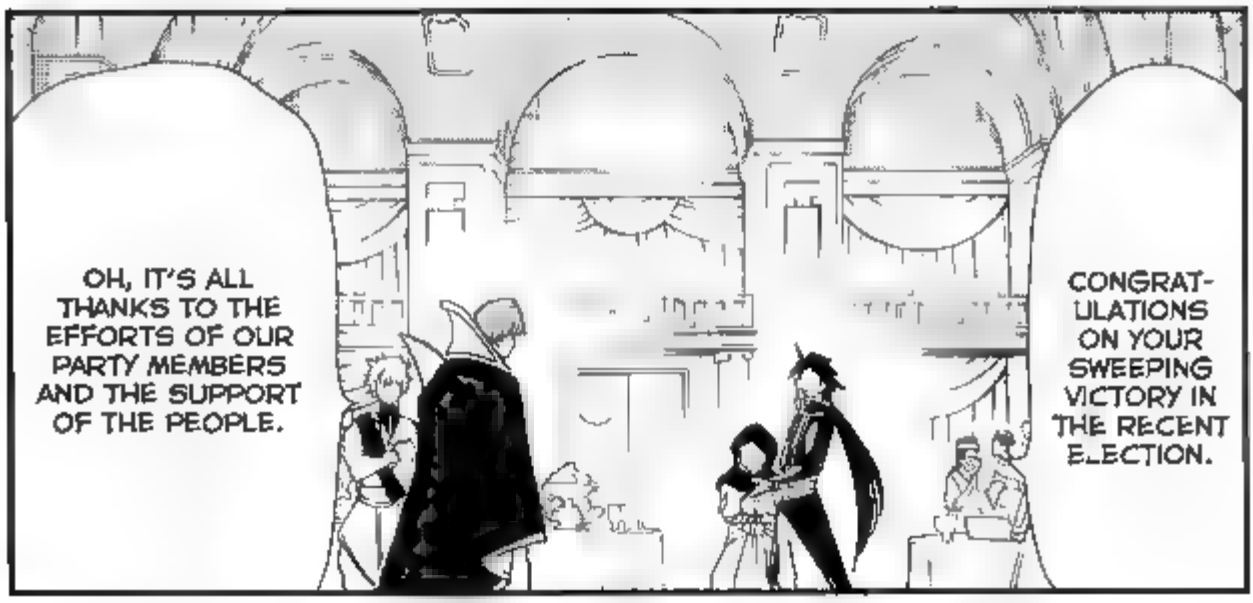
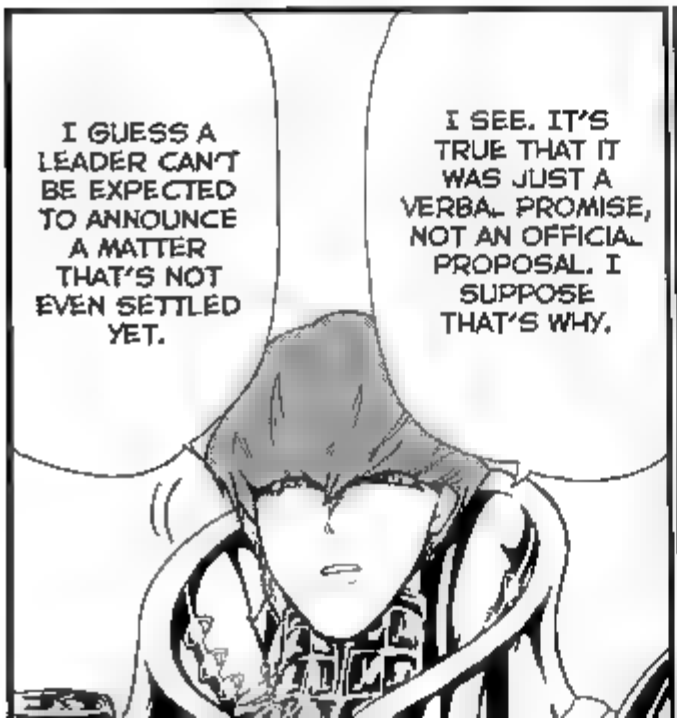
!!
LORD BARBA-ROSSA!

WELL, IF YOU SAY SO.
YOU CAN CALL ME WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS CALLED ME.
WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
I DON'T MIND.


OH, IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF OUR PARTY MEMBERS AND THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SWEEPING VICTORY IN THE RECENT ELECTION.

PROMISE?

BESIDES, I COULDN'T GO BACK ON THE PROMISE I MADE YOU.


I GUESS A LEADER CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE A MATTER THAT'S NOT EVEN SETTLED YET.
I SEE. IT'S TRUE THAT IT WAS JUST A VERBAL PROMISE, NOT AN OFFICIAL PROPOSAL. I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHY.

AH... NO.
WHAT? YOU HAVEN'T TOLD HIM ABOUT IT?

AN EMPLOYEE OF SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY... I'M THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.
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I DON'T WANT HIM TO DIS-COVER MY TRUE IDENTITY.
BY THE WAY, WHO IS HE...?
AH... ME?
HERE.
HUH?
A COMPANY EMPLOYEE? PERFECT.
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THERE'S ACTUALLY SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU BOTH.
SO I WAS THINKING OF LETTING YOU HAVE IT.
BUT DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR, IT'S NOW BEEN COMPLETELY ABANDONED,
THIS ISLAND WAS ONCE A FLOUR-ISHING PORT CITY,

ITS ONLY WEAK POINT IS THAT IT'S NOT EXACTLY SUITABLE FOR HABITATION.
ON TOP OF BEING QUITE A SMALL ISLAND, IT EXPERIENCES EXTREME DIFFERENCES IN TEMPERATURE.
THE CURRENT IS STABLE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT COULD BECOME A CENTRAL BASE ON YOUR TRADE ROUTES BETWEEN REIM AND BALBADD.

I DON'T THINK YOU WILL REQUIRE ANY MORE THAN THIS, BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?
BUT, YOU COULD BUILD A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN THIS SECTOR. YOUR COUNTRY WILL BE A PRIMARILY MERCANTILE NATION, AFTER ALL.

GOOD. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT.
IT'S WONDERFUL! JUST AS EXPECTED FROM LORD BARBAROSSA.
MERCANTILE NATION? ...HE CAN'T MEAN...
AN INVITATION?

LET'S GO NOW.

ONCE THINGS CALM DOWN A LITTLE, WE'LL HAVE TO GO CHECK IT OUT...

THIS ISLAND SEEMS GREAT...

THINGS ARE GOING WELL. CAN'T THIS WAIT?

SIN! COULD YOU HAVE?

Did you decide something so important on your own?

SO LET'S GO NOW.

TIME IS PRECIOUS. PLUS, YOU HAVE A FELLOW COMPANY EMPLOYEE HERE WITH YOU,

...HUH?

..YES.

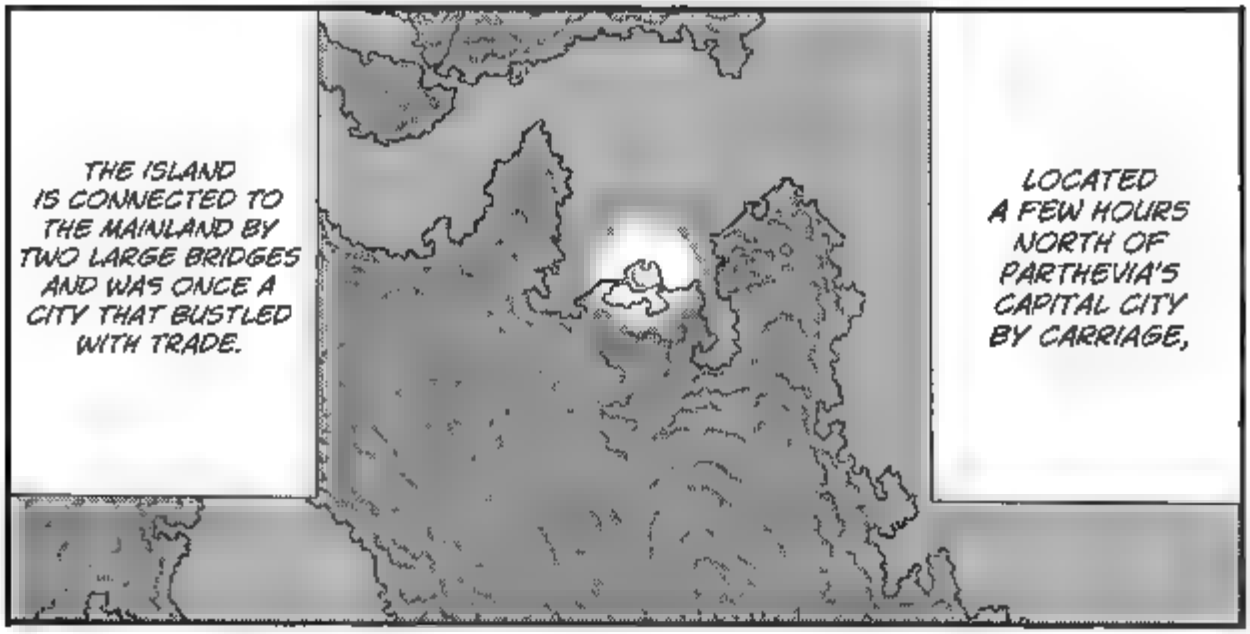
MY SUBORDINATES ARE USED TO STUFF LIKE THIS.

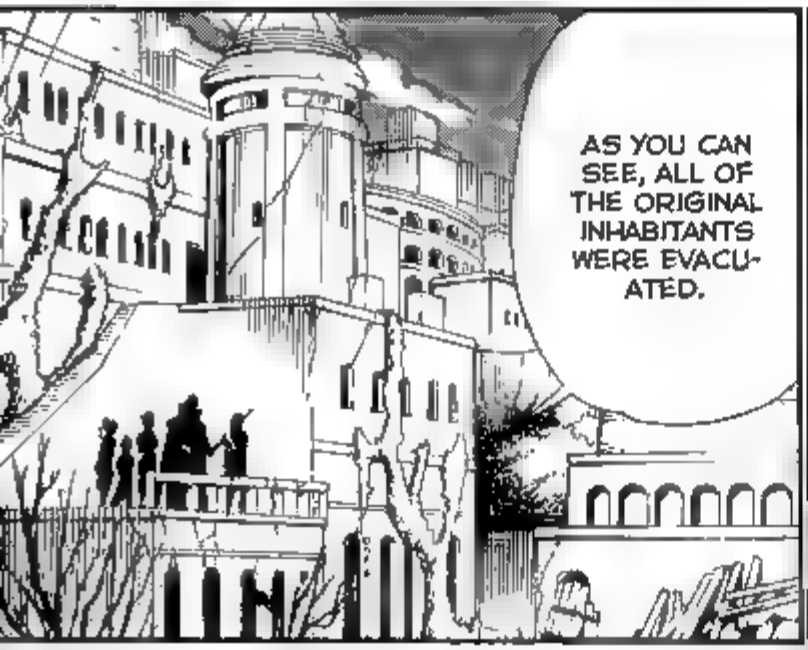
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

NO, NO! WE CAN'T. AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF TODAY'S CELEBRATION...

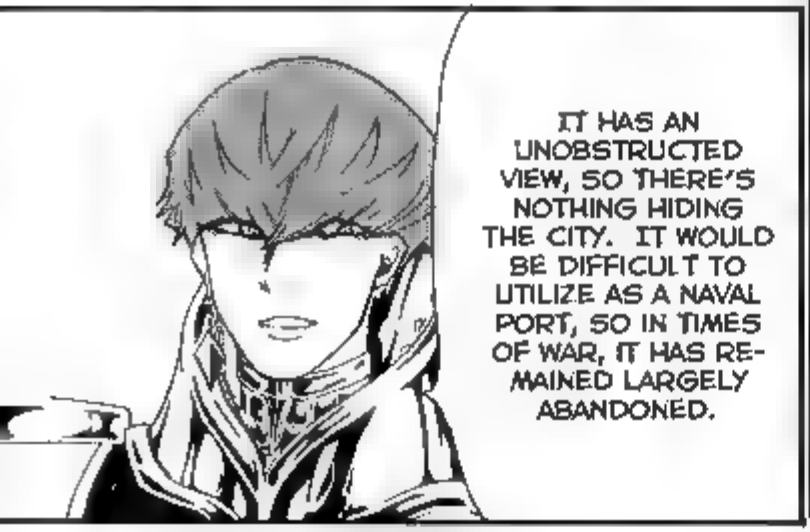
IT'S A NICE ISLAND, ISN'T IT?
.....WHAT DO YOU THINK, SINBAD?

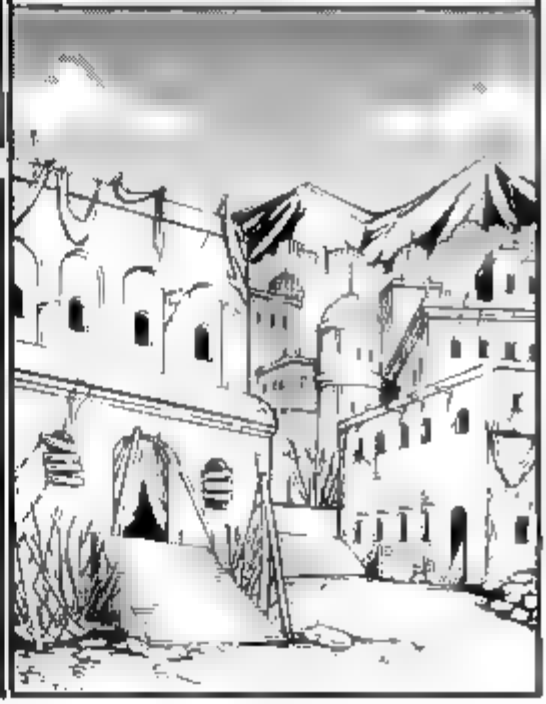
NIGHT 133 OUR OWN COUNTRY


THE ISLAND IS CONNECTED TO THE MAINLAND BY TWO LARGE BRIDGES AND WAS ONCE A CITY THAT BUSTLED WITH TRADE.
LOCATED A FEW HOURS NORTH OF PARTHEVIA'S CAPITAL CITY BY CARRIAGE,


AS YOU CAN SEE, ALL OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS WERE EVACUATED.

HOWEVER, AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF WAR WITH REIM, IT WAS DRAGGED INTO THE WORLD.
IN THE PAST, THE CITY FLOURISHED AS A STOPOVER POINT BETWEEN REIM AND BALBADD.


IT HAS AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW, SO THERE'S NOTHING HIDING THE CITY. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO UTILIZE AS A NAVAL PORT, SO IN TIMES OF WAR, IT HAS REMAINED LARGELY ABANDONED.



EVERYTHING HERE IN THE CITY? NOT JUST THE ISLAND ITSELF...?!!
THANKS TO THAT, THE BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT LEFT ON THE ISLAND ARE MOSTLY AS THEY WERE WHEN THIS WAS A THRIVING CITY. IF THERE'S ANYTHING USEFUL HERE, YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT.
IT LOOKS NEWER THAN ALL THE OTHER BUILDINGS...
AND IF WE MADE A FEW REPAIRS, I'M SURE WE COULD USE ALL THE BUILDINGS AS WELL.
IF WE COULD USE THE PORT AS IT IS, THAT WOULD BE A GREAT ADVANTAGE.
... . HM? WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN ABANDONED. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BUY THE ISLAND, WE'LL DEMOLISH IT FOR YOU.
YES, THAT'S A MILITARY RESEARCH FACILITY THAT WAS BUILT MORE RECENTLY.

.....
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WE COULDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING BETTER THAN FOR YOU TO USE THIS PLACE AS A TRADE CITY.
AS FAR AS THE FEE GOES, PARTHEVIA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL NEGOTIATIONS.
WE'VE FINALLY FOUND IT. A PLACE JUST FOR US...
CAN'T YOU IMAGINE HOW WONDERFUL IT WOULD BE TO MAKE THIS PLACE OUR COUNTRY?
... IT'S AMAZING, ISN'T IT, JA'FAR?
OUR VERY OWN..... KINGDOM OF SINDRIA.

ON TO BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS.
THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR THIS ISLAND COMES TO 10,000,000 DINARS.
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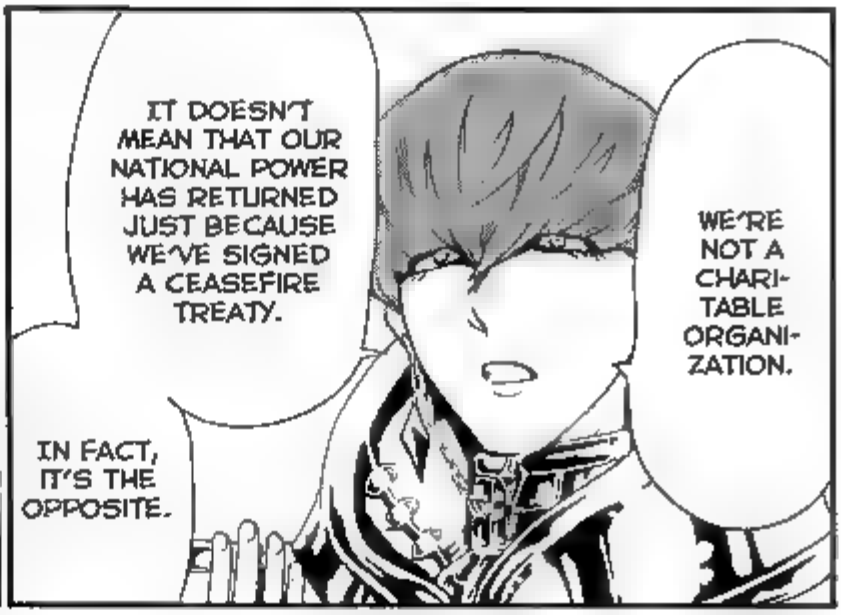
...WE HAVE, HAVEN'T WE?
YES.
DAIRU.
I'M THRILLED YOU LIKE IT.
PART OF THE COST INCLUDES THE PRICE OF THE LAND, BUT MOST OF IT COVERS THE ADDED VALUE...
!!!
JA'FAR... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THAT'S MORE THAN TEN TIMES WHAT SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY MAKES IN A YEAR...
ALL OF THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PURCHASE PRICE.
WHICH IS THE CONVENIENCE OF THIS ISLAND AS A TRADE CITY AND THE RIGHT TO BECOME AN INDEPENDENT TERRITORY.

YEAH...
IT'S AN ISSUE THAT CAN'T BE RESOLVED IMMEDIATELY.
I HAD PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS, BUT BUYING A COUNTRY IS STILL NO EASY FEAT.....
It's only natural.
EVEN IF WE CAN PAY FOR IT IN INSTALLMENTS, IT WOULD TAKE US AT LEAST 10 YEARS TO PAY IT OFF. THAT'S HOW LARGE A SUM IT IS.

WE'RE WILLING TO SURRENDER THIS LAND TO YOU IN ORDER TO MAKE A PROFIT.
NOW IS THE TIME WE NEED FUNDS THE MOST.


IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT OUR NATIONAL POWER HAS RETURNED JUST BECAUSE WE'VE SIGNED A CEASEFIRE TREATY.
IN FACT, IT'S THE OPPOSITE.
WE'RE NOT A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

THIS WAS DECIDED BY ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS.
THIS WILL BE REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE, AND IF THEY APPROVE IT AT THE NEXT MEETING, IT WILL BECOME LAW.
HERE'S A DRAFT OF THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS SURROUNDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT.

WE WOULD GREATLY VALUE YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR EFFORTS.
IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HOPE THAT INVITING SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY HERE WILL HELP TO REBUILD OUR ECONOMY.

PARTHEVIA IS DEFINITELY FACING A RECESSION... BUT DESPITE THAT, OUR INFLUENCE AS A LARGE COUNTRY HASN'T WEAKENED.

WE CAN BE A SOURCE OF GREAT STRENGTH FOR YOU.

SO PLEASE USE YOUR POWER TO HELP SAVE THIS COUNTRY.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

He's suddenly deciding things again.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? BESIDES OUR GOVERNING BODY, THERE IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT PERSON HERE IN PARTHEVIA.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO SEE FOR NOW

Let's go Sinbad

HUH?

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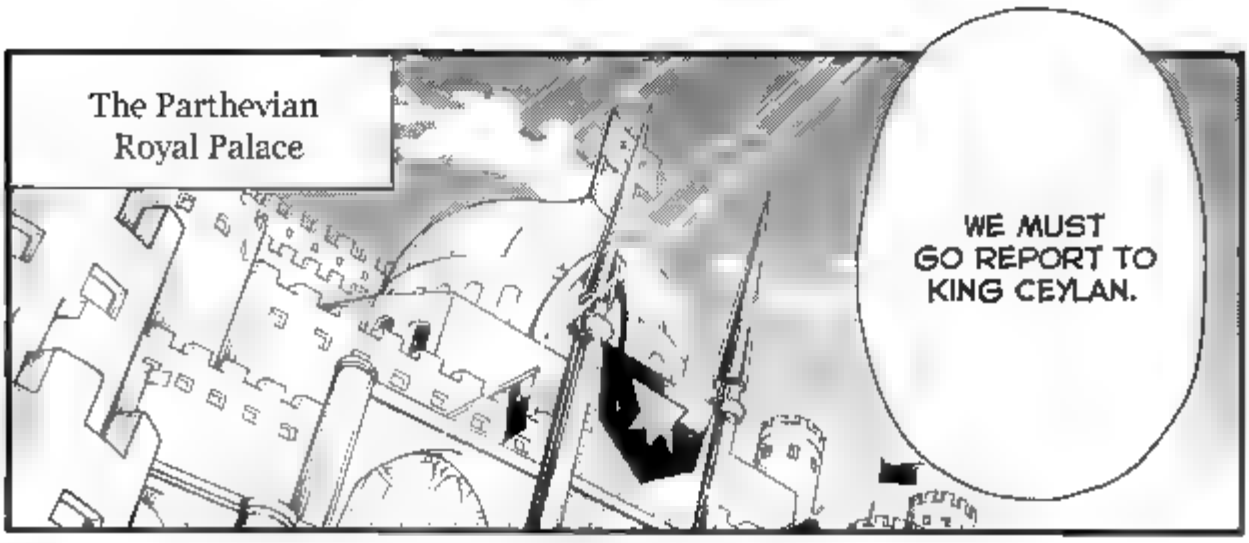

The Parthevian Royal Palace
WE MUST GO REPORT TO KING CEYLAN.

WONDERFUL. THAT IS WELCOME NEWS.

KING CEYLAN .....
WAS ACTUALLY SINBAD, HEAD OF SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY
I WAS SURPRISED . . I NEVER WOULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT SOMEONE IN KING RASHID'S ESCORT

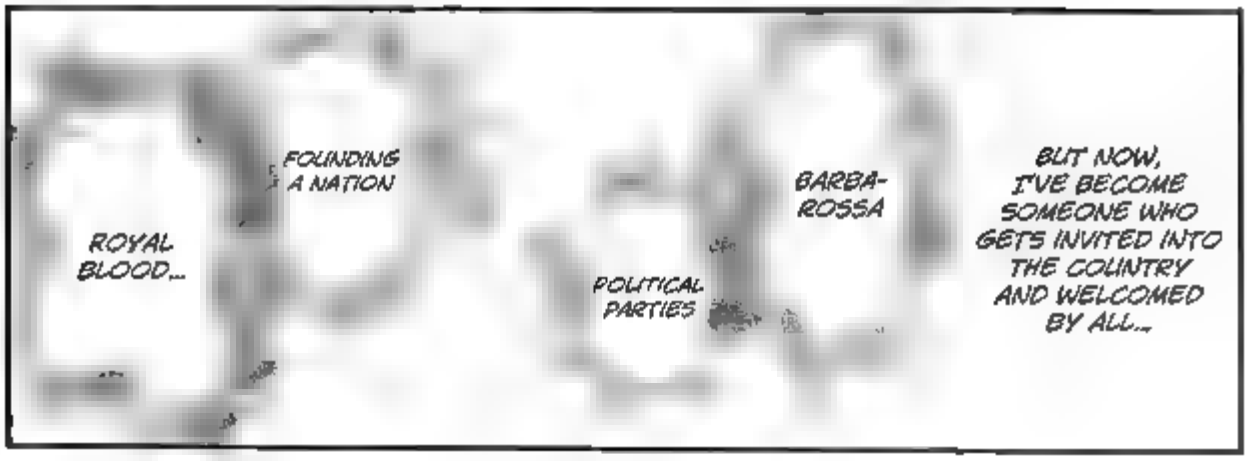
YES.

WE'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU, SINBAD.
ALLOW ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR THIS COUNTRY'S PAST IN-JUSTICES TOWARDS YOU...
I APPROVE. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR TRADE ACTIVITIES HERE IN PARTHEVIA.

THAT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT, SINBAD?
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VISIT OUR COUNTRY WITHOUT FEAR
I'LL ENSURE YOUR REMOVAL FROM OUR WANTED LIST

I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'VE CREATED YET ANOTHER LEGEND.
THAT IS, UNTIL NOW.
THROUGHOUT PARTHEVIA'S HISTORY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SINGLE INSTANCE OF A CRIMINAL HAVING HIS NAME EXPUNGED FROM OUR WANTED LIST WHILE HE STILL LIVED.

... THAT'S RIGHT. I WAS ONCE A WANTED CRIMINAL IN THIS COUNTRY.


ROYAL BLOOD...
FOUNDING A NATION
POLITICAL PARTIES
BARBA-ROSSA
BUT NOW, I'VE BECOME SOMEONE WHO GETS INVITED INTO THE COUNTRY AND WELCOMED BY ALL...

... BUT IT'S GOOD THAT LORD CEYLAN IS A WISE PERSON.
SO THERE WAS ONLY ONE PATH FOR ME TO TAKE, WASN'T THERE? IF THAT'S THE CASE...

I DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT "BLOODLINE"...
I UNDERSTAND WHAT CELENDINE WAS SAYING AT THAT TIME.

"THIS COUNTRY'S PRESENT CONDITION." "THE TREATMENT OF THE ROYAL FAMILY."

WE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR SOMEONE MORE SUITABLE TO FILL THE POSITION OF A SYMBOLIC "KING."

NOT ONLY DOES HE UNDERSTAND ALL OF THAT, HE ALSO DOESN'T OVERSTEP THE BOUNDARIES OF HIS CURRENT POSITION.

HUH?

HE OBJECTIVELY UNDERSTANDS HIS OWN POSITION.

WHAT FOOLISHNESS.

WITHOUT REALIZING THAT THEY WERE LEADING THEIR COUNTRY TOWARDS RUIN...

UNTIL NOW, THE PARTHEVIAN ROYAL FAMILY HAS RULED SOLELY WITH POWER, POWER NOT BACKED BY ACTUAL ABILITY,

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IF IT WAS ANYONE BUT LORD CEYLAN, THIS OFFER MAY HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY REJECTED BECAUSE "SETTING UP SOMETHING LIKE AN AUTONOMOUS NATION IS BLASPHEMY TO THE ROYAL FAMILY."

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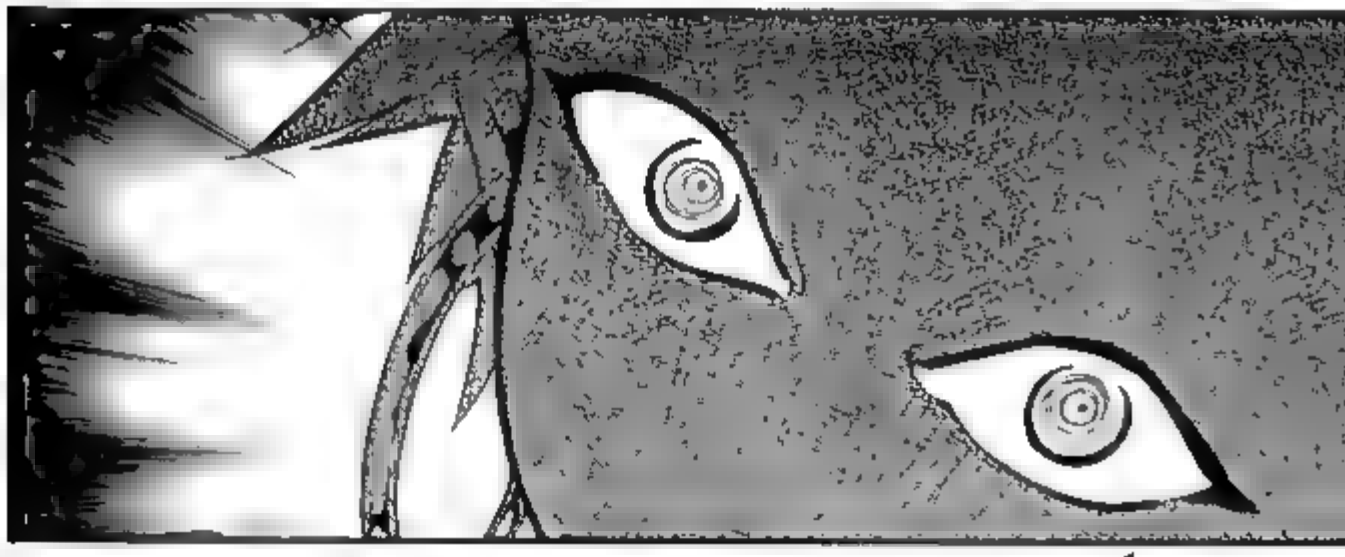
We mustn't waste time
SHALL WE GO? THERE'S MORE TO DISCUSS.

IF MISS CELENDINE HEARD WHAT HE JUST SAID, SHE'D LIKELY BE ANGRY...
It's a good thing she's not here.
I KNOW YOU MENTIONED IT BEFORE, BUT HE REALLY SAYS WHAT HE MEANS WITHOUT HOLDING BACK...

WHAT'S WRONG,
SIN?

...SIN?

NIGHT 134: THE INVISIBLE DARKNESS



SIN!!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE INTENDING TO DO,
BUT YOU DON'T NEED YOUR METAL VESSEL.

SIN.
WE'RE IN THE ROYAL PALACE.

METAL VESSEL ...? WHY WOULD I...?

..... HUH...?
WHAT... WAS I... ?

YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOURSELF.
YOU MUST BE TIRED. LET'S GO GET SOME REST.
...THAT ...MUST BE IT...

AFTER ALL OUR STRUGGLES TO GET TO THIS POINT... FOR IT TO FINALLY BECOME REALITY LIKE THIS.....

..... HOW STRANGE. WITH THIS, WE SHOULD FINALLY BE ABLE TO CREATE OUR OWN COUNTRY, HUH?

AND BEFORE I EVEN REALIZED IT 3 YEARS HAD PASSED.....

FOUNDED MY OWN TRADING COMPANY AND STARTED GATHERING THE FUNDS TO BUILD A COUNTRY...

I CONQUERED BAAL AND LEFT PARTHEVIA.

AND NOW THAT'S FINALLY BROUGHT ME HERE.
WHAT KIND OF COUNTRY WILL I CREATE?
I'D LIKE TO EXTEND THE HARBOR SO THAT IT CAN ACCOMMODATE MORE SHIPS.
AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE OUR COMPANY'S MAIN BRANCH EVEN MORE MAJESTIC... NO. THIS TIME, WE'LL NEED TO BUILD A "ROYAL PALACE."
I'LL CREATE A GOOD COUNTRY... DEFINITELY.

"Exhausted people need sleep!"

IF I USE A DJINN EQUIP, I CAN GET THERE AND BACK IN NO TIME.

AH. I CAN'T QUIT THINKING ABOUT IT!

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IS WHAT JA'FAR SAID, BUT IT SHOULD BE FINE IF I GO OUT FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE!

THAT'S RIGHT. IT WILL BE JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER BEFORE WE FOUND OUR NATION.

IT'S THE LOCATION OF OUR NEW COUNTRY, SO...

I'D BETTER BE SURE TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT...!

THIS IS A GOOD ISLAND...
YES.

THIS PLACE OUR HOME ...!!
WE'LL MAKE

I'VE DECIDED.
I'LL BUY THIS ISLAND.

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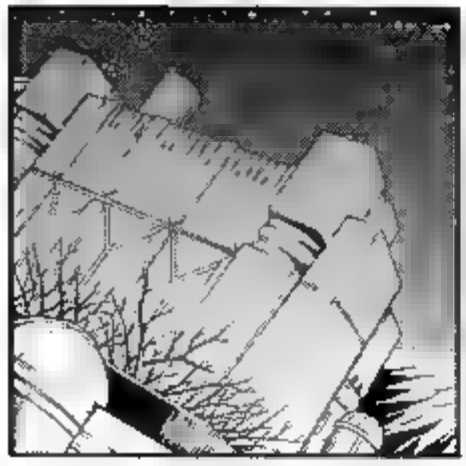
THEY'D COME JOIN MY COUNTRY WOULDN'T THEY..?
I WONDER IF THEY'D BE PLEASED.
IF THEY KNEW I WAS BUILDING MY OWN COUNTRY HERE IN PARTHEVIA,

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HOMETOWN OF TISON VILLAGE.



IF THAT HAPPENED, I COULD SEE EVERYONE AGAIN....

THIS MUST BE...
THAT'S A MILITARY RESEARCH FACILITY THAT WAS BUILT MORE RECENTLY.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN ABANDONED

JUST LOOKING AT IT, THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE BUILDING. WHY WOULD THEY WANT TO DEMOLISH IT...?
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THE INTERIOR IS IN GOOD CONDITION, TOO...
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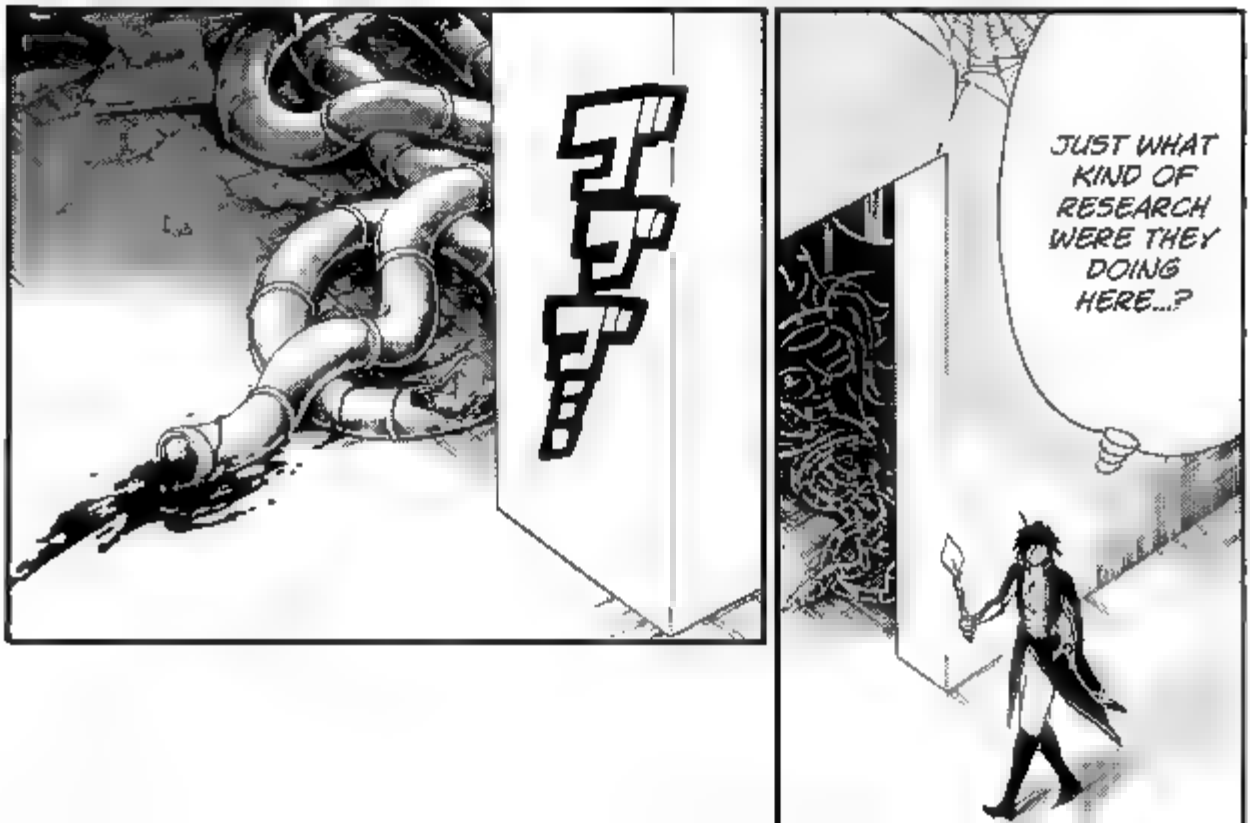
WHAT KIND OF DANGER COULD THERE BE HERE THAT REQUIRED THEM TO PUT UP A FENCE AROUND THE COMPLEX TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT... ?
IT ALSO DOESN'T REALLY HAVE THE FEELING OF A MILITARY RESEARCH FACILITY


JUST WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH WERE THEY DOING HERE...?
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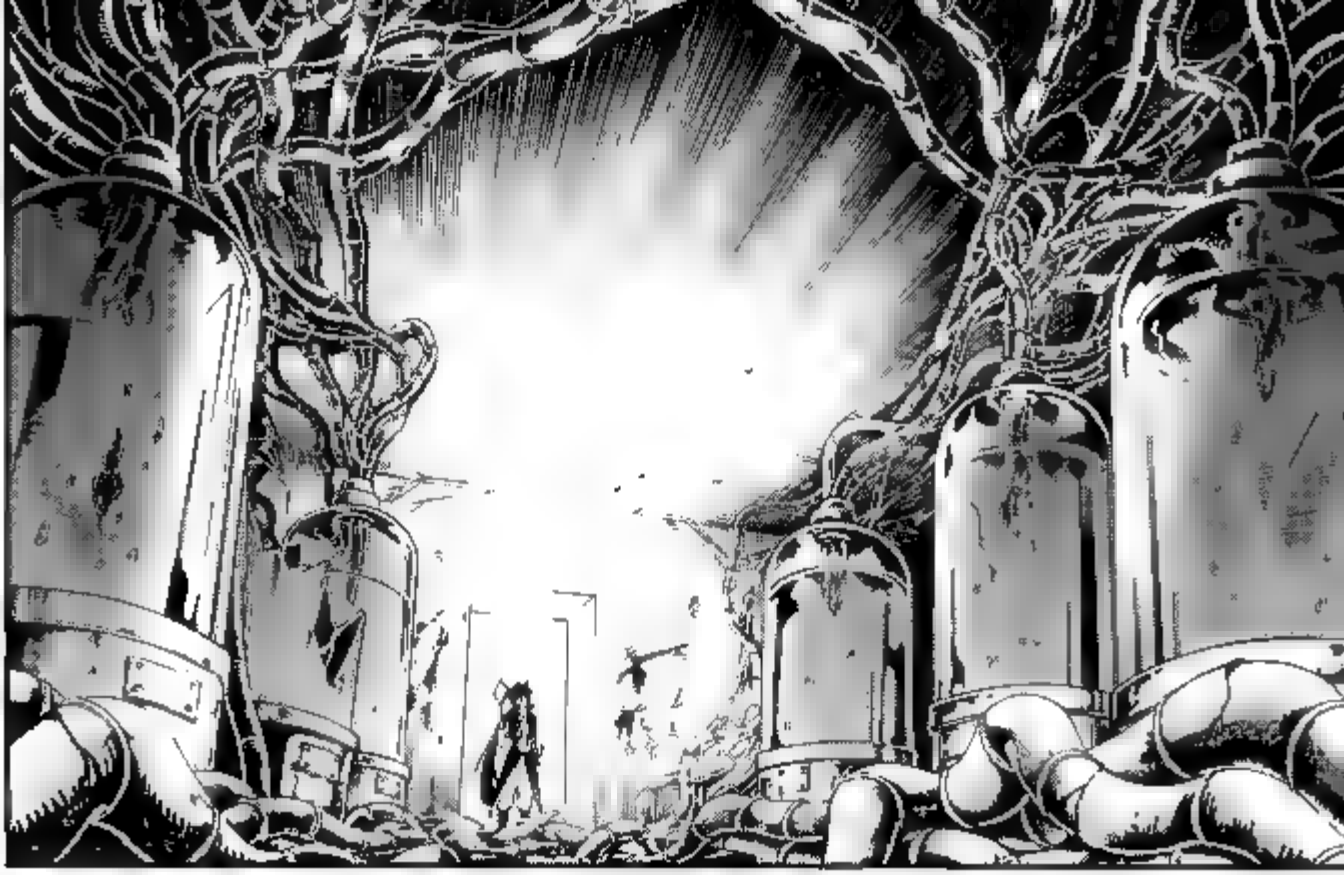

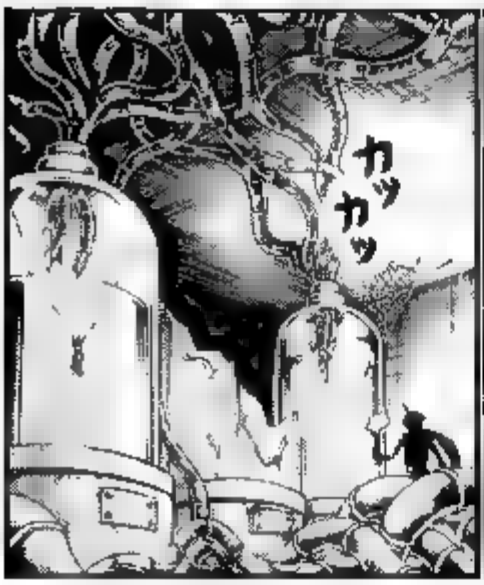
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"ALDO VILLAGE"
6 YEAR OLD MALE, "KUFAR"?

SOME-ONE'S NAME?
THAT CAN'T MEAN THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS TANK ARE..
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(SFX) swish

IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...? THIS IS BAD. IF I'M ATTACKED LIKE THIS...!

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SI.....

SINBAD.

YOU REALLY ARE... SINBAD, AREN'T YOU?

SINBAD OF TISON VILLAGE...

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YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR PARENTS.

YOU'VE REALLY GROWN.

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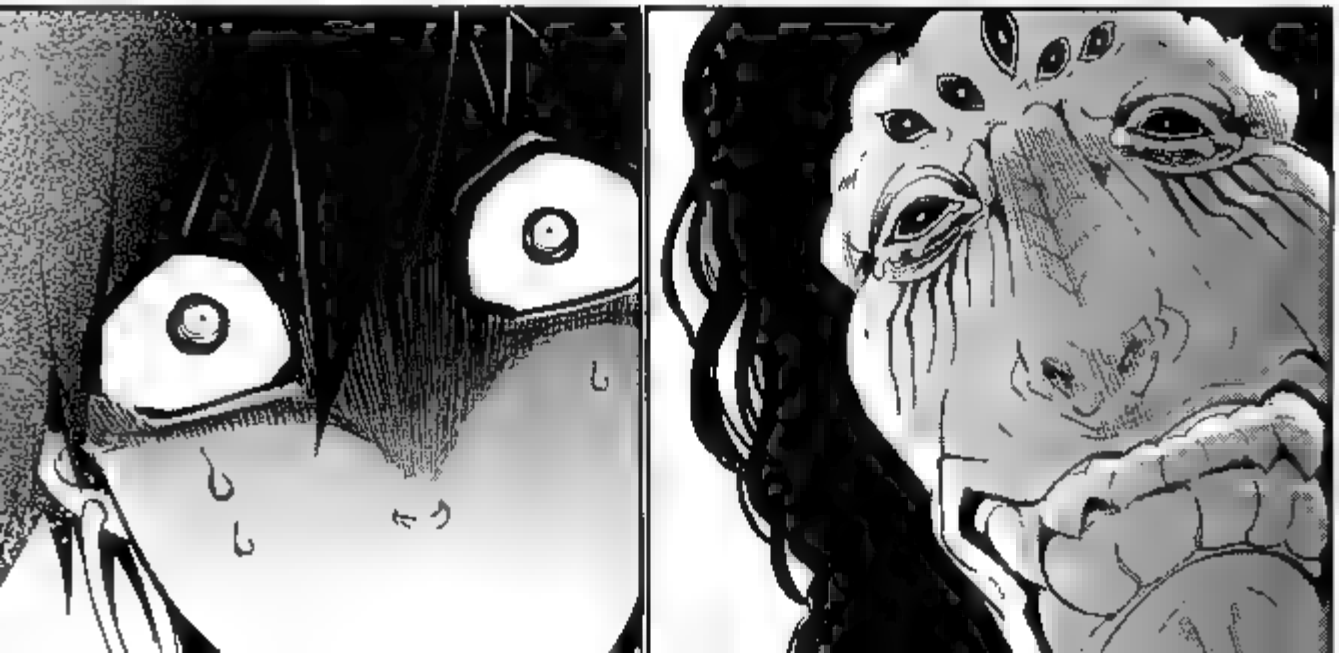
YEAH.

WELCOME BACK, SINBAD.

WELCOME BACK.

SINBAD.

NIGHT 135: THE NIGHT'S RESOLUTION



RIGHT, SINBAD?

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YOU LOOK JUST LIKE BADR AND ESRA WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG...
YOU'VE REALLY GROWN, HAVEN'T YOU... ? I KNEW IT WAS YOU RIGHT AWAY.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD RECOGNIZE ME.
THAT MAKES SENSE. I'M STUCK IN THIS BODY NOW.
..HUH, YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?

I WAS WITH YOU DURING ESRA'S FINAL MOMENTS, TOO.
I WAS ALWAYS WITH YOU BACK IN TISON VILLAGE...
IT'S ME.

WHY ARE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS... AND WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE THAT?
BUT HOW...

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M GLAD YOU REMEMBER ME!!
A... AUNTIE?

WAS BROUGHT HERE.
I...
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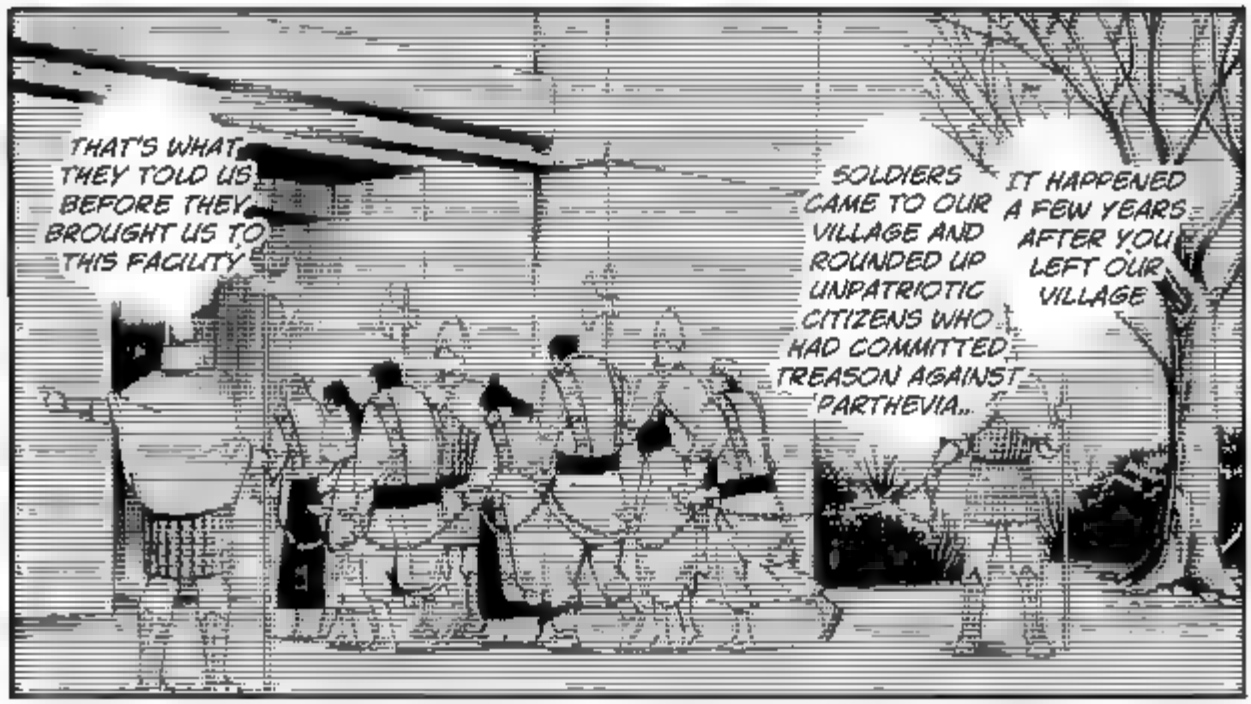
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!


THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD US BEFORE THEY BROUGHT US TO THIS FACILITY.
SOLDIERS CAME TO OUR VILLAGE AND ROUNDED UP UNPATRIOTIC CITIZENS WHO HAD COMMITTED TREASON AGAINST PARTHEVIA..
IT HAPPENED A FEW YEARS AFTER YOU LEFT OUR VILLAGE

!!?
DON'T WORRY, SIN.
ALTHOUGH UNFORTUNATELY, I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT THAT CAN STILL SPEAK.
THEY WERE ALL HUMANS ONCE, JUST LIKE ME...
PERSON AFTER PERSON FELL VICTIM RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.
IT WAS HORRIFYING.
EXPERIMENTS THAT TURNED HUMANS INTO MONSTERS
THIS FACILITY WAS USED FOR THE MILITARY'S HUMAN EXPERIMENTS
BUT WE SURVIVED.
EVEN THOUGH WE ENDED UP LIKE THIS...

AND THOSE OF US THAT FUSED UNSUCCESSFULLY WERE LABELED AS FAILURES...
WE WERE FUSED WITH MONSTERS FROM DUNGEONS,
ALL OF US HERE ARE "FAILURES."
UNTIL THEN, THEY'VE LOCKED US UP HERE.
THEY'RE GOING TO DISPOSE OF US.
IT'S TRUE. INFERIORS CAUSE HARM MERELY BY EXISTING
IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A PURGE? THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE PEOPLE IN POWER ARE TURNED INTO SOME KINDA WEIRD MONSTER...
don't really get it
...SO THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT.

SIN, YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?
TO BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS...!
BUT FOR THE TRUTH...
IT WASN'T A LIE. I WANTED TO BELIEVE IT

THOSE OF US WITH THAT LABEL ARE A NUISANCE THAT MUST BE ELIMINATED.
THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.
NO MATTER WHAT ANY OF US DO, THOSE IN THIS COUNTRY THAT DON'T FIT THEIR STANDARDS ARE LABELED AS "UNPATRIOTIC CITIZENS."

SIN.
PLEASE, SAVE US.
IF WE STAY HERE, WE'LL BE KILLED!!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!

SURELY, AS THE HEAD OF THE TOP TRADING COMPANY IN THE WORLD, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP US!!

I HEARD ABOUT YOU. YOU BECAME A HUGE SUCCESS IN REIM...

SINBAD!!

PLEASE SAVE US!

...THEN, SHOULD I PETITION BARBAROSSA FOR THEIR RELEASE DIRECTLY?

NO, THAT'S NOT A REALISTIC SOLUTION.

SHOULD I BREAK THESE BARS AND FREE EVERYONE ...?

...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I MUST AVOID THAT AT ALL COSTS.
NO, I CAN'T.
IF I DO THAT, IT WILL HURT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. ALL OF THIS PLANNING WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NAUGHT.

DO I HAVE TO STAND BY AND LET EVERYONE HERE...
THESE PEOPLE...
PEOPLE FROM MY HOMETOWN...
DO I JUST HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS SITUATION?
SO, WHAT CAN I DO?!

DIE?
AUNTIE AND EVERYONE ELSE.....?

PLEASE DON'T ABANDON US.
I'M BEGGING YOU. SAVE US...
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WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU'RE THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE LEFT

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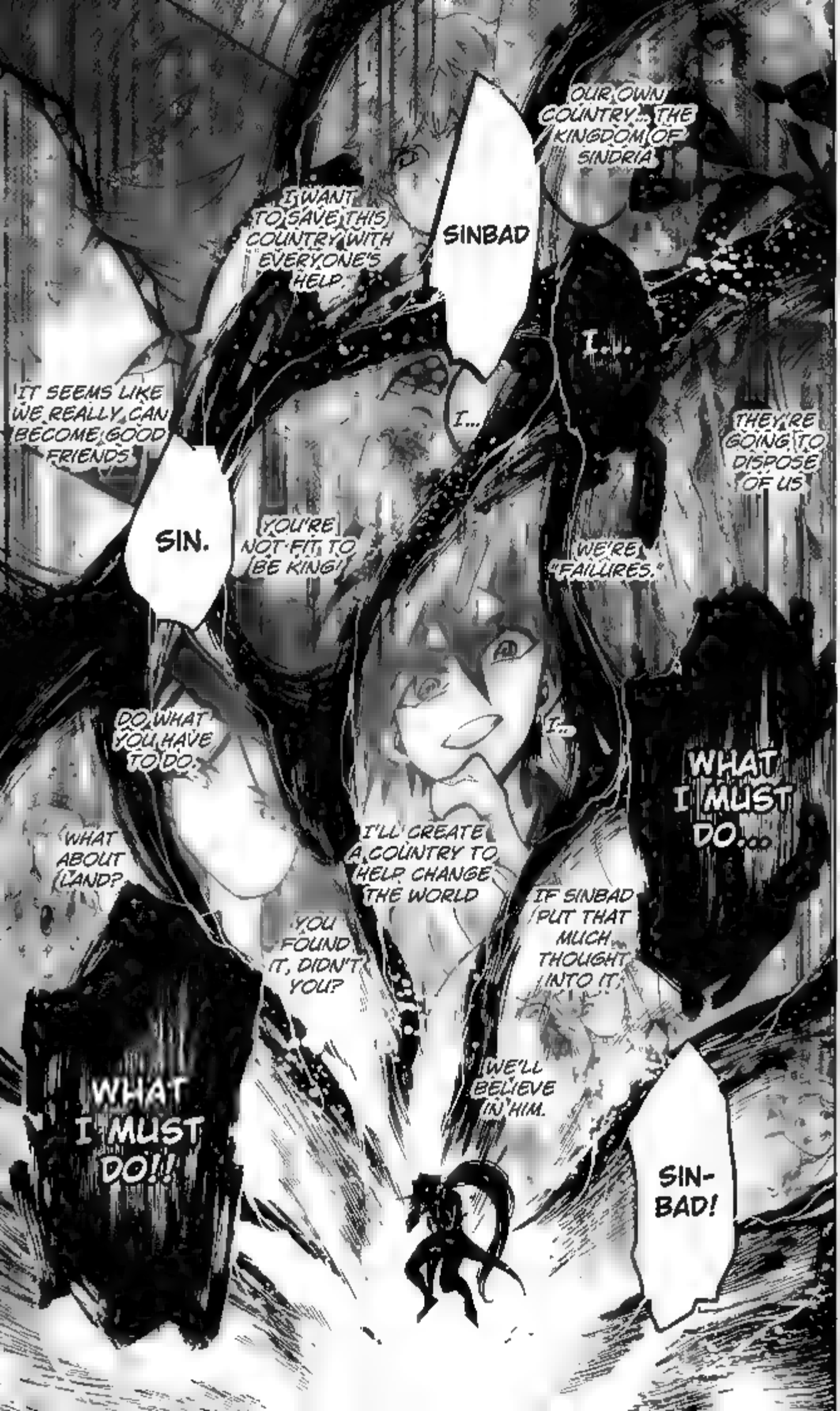
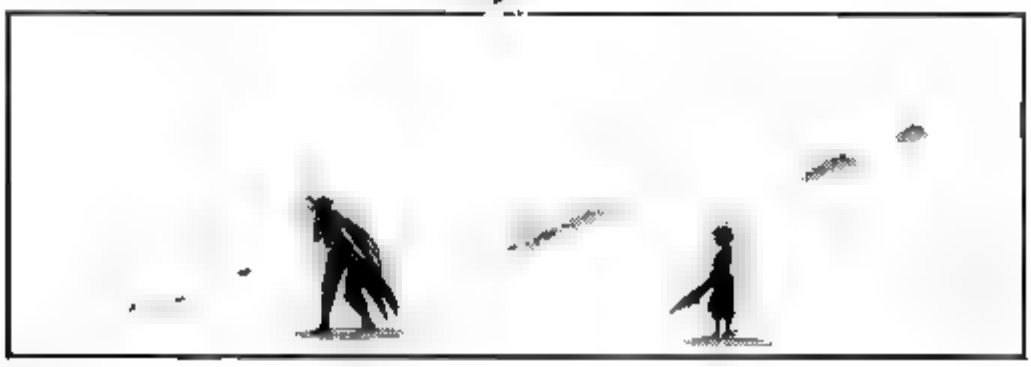
I'VE COME SO FAR...


OUR OWN COUNTRY... THE KINGDOM OF SINDRIA
I WANT TO SAVE THIS COUNTRY WITH EVERYONE'S HELP.
SINBAD
I...
IT SEEMS LIKE WE REALLY CAN BECOME GOOD FRIENDS.
I...
THEY'RE GOING TO DISPOSE OF US
SIN.
YOU'RE NOT FIT TO BE KING!
WE'RE "FAILURES."
DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.
I...
WHAT I MUST DO...
WHAT ABOUT LAND?
I'LL CREATE A COUNTRY TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD
IF SINBAD PUT THAT MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT,
YOU FOUND IT, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT I MUST DO!!
WE'LL BELIEVE IN HIM.
SIN-BAD!

BUILD IT.



YOU AND I ARE BOTH GUILTY.
YOUR HANDS ARE ALREADY SOILED.

WITH YOUR DIRTY HANDS.

BUILD YOUR OWN COUNTRY.
YOUR OWN WORLD.

YOU WANT TO BUY THAT ISLAND?

WHAT?

THERE'S NO NEED. WE WOULD COME TO THE SAME DECISION.

REALLY? WOULDN'T YOU RATHER RETURN TO YOUR COMPANY TO DISCUSS THINGS... ?

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO PURCHASE IT.

YES.

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I SEE.

THIS IS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR US. I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS.

EVEN IF WE MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR REPAYING THE MONEY WE'D OWE, THE BUSINESS THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD CREATE WOULD STILL NET US AN ENORMOUS PROFIT.

I'VE MADE THE PRELIMINARY CALCULATIONS, AND

BUT, SINBAD... .....WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I ACCEPT.

YOU LOOK TERRIBLE.
LAST NIGHT, I RECEIVED A REPORT THAT YOU HAD BEEN SPOTTED IN MID-AIR ABOVE THE ISLAND.
THE TRUTH IS.....
DO I?
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AFTER ALL, THAT PLACE...
STILL HASN'T BEEN CLEANED UP.
.....I WAS JUST WORRIED.
Without permission...?!
SIN! DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
I DON'T MIND...

SINBAD
DID YOU SEE SOMETHING THERE?

THERE WASN'T ANYTHING TO SEE.
.....
...NO.
.....
...SIN,
ARE YOU REALLY ALRIGHT?
PLEASE HEAD BACK TO THE INN WITHOUT ME. I'LL FINISH UP THE LAST OF MY BUSINESS HERE AND THEN FOLLOW SUIT.
I'M FINE. I'M JUST A LITTLE TIRED.
YOU'RE NOT YOURSELF TODAY.
.....I UNDERSTAND.
YOU REALLY SAW SOMETHING YESTERDAY, DIDN'T...
JA'FAR.

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BECAUSE WITH THIS, WE'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR DREAM A REALITY...

.....THIS IS FINE.
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UGH.

THIS IS THE PATH I CHOSE FOR MYSELF.
THIS IS MY SIN...

I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO DO TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

NO MATTER HOW SOILED MY HANDS BECOME.
I'LL KEEP PUSHING FORWARD.

THIS IS MY DESTINY.